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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1944

Town Clerk

Ervine A. Chace	Elected 1942	Term Expires 1945

Moderator

Nels Arthur Nelson	Elected 1944	Term Expires 1945

Selectmen

Warren L. Ide	Elected 1942	Term Expires 1945
Silas E. Brailey	Elected 1943	Term Expires 1946
Eino H. Silvan	Elected 1944	Term Expires 1947

Treasurer

Francis F. G. Andrews	Elected 1944	Term Expires 1945

Assessors

Norman E. Whittaker	Elected 1942	Term Expires 1945
Milton A. Babbitt	Elected 1944	Term Expires 1946
Anthony Sylvia	Elected 1944	Term Expires 1947

School Committee

Mildred A. Carr Babbitt	Elected 1942	Term Expires 1945
William A. Cox	Elected 1943	Term Expires 1946
Arthur E. Robbins	Elected 1944	Term Expires 1947

Collector of Taxes

Francis F. G. Andrews	Elected 1944	Term Expires 1945

Auditor

Harold G. Ashley	Elected 1944	Term Expires 1945

Tree Warden

Linneus C. Whitaker	Elected 1944	Term Expires 1945

Highway Surveyor

Linneus C. Whitaker	Elected 1944	Term Expires 1945

Burial Ground Commissioners

Vernon D. Adams	Elected 1942	Term Expires 1945
Charles E. Harrison	Elected 1943	Term Expires 1946
Harold G. Ashley	Elected 1944	Term Expires 1947

Trustees of Public Library

Lizzie J. Howland	Elected 1942	Term Expires 1945
Myra D. Anthony	Elected 1943	Term Expires 1946
Florence A. Macomber	Elected 1944	Term Expires 1947

Constables

All Elected 1944 Terms Expire 1945

Harold G. Ashley
Ernest H. Brailey
William A. Cox
Eino H. Silvan
Frederick A. Reed
Linneus C. Whitaker
William B. Mitchell

Fish Wardens

George W. Stetson Elected 1944 Term Expires 1945

Oyster Wardens

George W. Stetson Elected 1944 Term Expires 1945

Finance Committee

Herbert M. Ashley
John B. Brightman
Arnold W. Silvan
Laurence B. Swift
Alfred T. Townley, Jr.
Meredith C. Wilson
John Q. Dillingham, Chairman

Appointed by the committee consisting of the Moderator, the Chairman of Selectmen, and the Chairman of the 1943 Finance Committee.

Appointments by the Board of Selectmen

Forest Warden
George R. Babbitt

Inspector of Animals and Inspector of Slaughtering
Joseph O. Freeman

Moth Inspector
Alvin E. Briggs

Fence Viewers and Field Drivers
Lawrence Barrow
Wojciech Pysz

Measurers of Wood and Lumber
Benjamin O. Jones
Stephen A. Dow

Pound Keeper
Francis E. Fournier

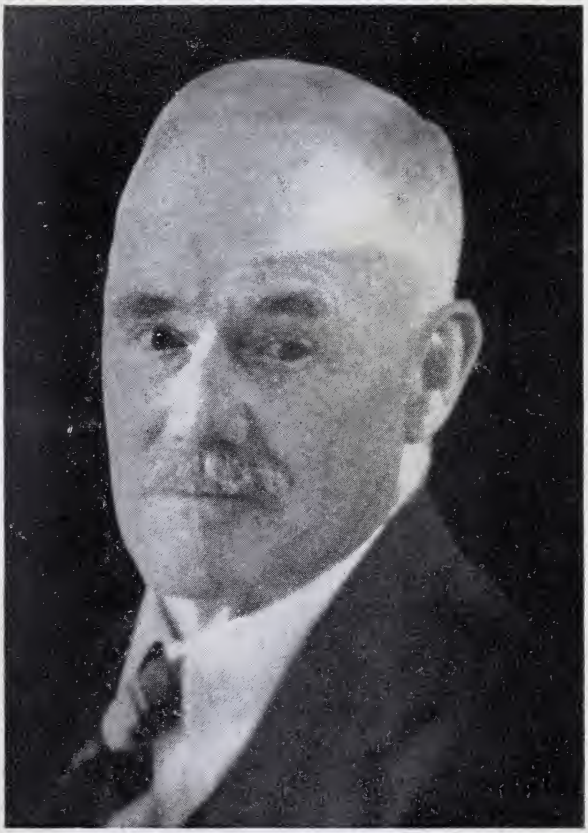
Sealer of Weights and Measures
Wojciech Pysz

Dog Officer
Charles E. Harrison

Special Agent of the Board of Health
(Only for the purpose of issuing burial permits)
Julia C. Andrews

Agent of the Board of Public Welfare
George L. Tormey

Clerk of the Board of Public Welfare
Bernice M. Andrews



Silas E. Brailey

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN OF BERKLEY

for 1944

It was with deep regret that we learned early in January of this year, of the passing away of our brother Selectman, Silas E. Brailey.

Silas E. Brailey was a man of high character and integrity and had a sincere interest in the management of the town affairs. He was a man of sound judgment and was remarkably well informed in regard to matters of town government.

Mr. Brailey was a friendly man and always had a kindly feeling for all who were in trouble. He always stood for what he felt to be right and just.

Mr. Brailey had served the town as Selectman for nearly fourteen years. We shall miss his friendly smile and wise counsel. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family.

The town of Berkley has continued in a strong financial position during 1944.

The town has no funded debt.

The Town Treasurer's report as of December 31, 1944, shows nearly $31,000 cash on hand and about $10,000 due on taxes with relatively few current debts owed by the town. The town probably was never in as strong a financial condition as it is at present.

Considering the rapidly rising costs of labor, materials and supplies the past two or three years, we feel that the expenditures of the town of Berkley have been kept well in hand.

There has been excellent cooperation between the various departments of the town and the affairs of the town have, we believe, been very efficiently and harmoniously conducted.

We wish at this time to express our appreciation for the assistance and cooperation given us by the other town officials and all others who have assisted with the conduct of the town's business.

WARREN L. IDE,
EINO SILVAN,
Selectmen

TOWN WARRANT

Article 1. To hear the report of the Finance Committee and act thereon.

Article 2. To act on reports of town officers.

Article 3. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the Public Library including the dog fund.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 120A, Chapter 94, General Laws, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 332, Acts of 1943.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Surplus Revenue such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the various charges for the current year, for General Government, for the Protection of Persons and Property, for Health and Sanitation, for Highways, Charities and Soldiers' Benefits, Schools, and Unclassified, viz.—Memorial Day, Honor Roll, Town Reports, for Incidentals, Cemeteries, and Interest.

Article 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to petition the Director of Accounts of the Department of Corporations and Taxation for such an audit of the Town's accounts as may be necessary to install an accounting system, and to install an accounting system in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for compensation insurance for Town employees or act thereon.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year, and to issue a note or notes therefor, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws as amended.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to sell at such time or times as may be deemed to be of benefit to the town,

certain parcels of land of low value taken by the town at a sale held under the provisions of Sections 79 and 80 of Chapter 60 of the General Laws.

Article 10. To raise and appropriate a sum of money for certain unpaid bills of 1944 or act thereon.

Article 11. To see what action the town will vote to take in regard to raising and appropriating a sum of money for expenses of the Rationing Board, or act thereon.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Reserve Account.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept Mill Street from its intersection with Myricks Street southerly to the land of the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad, for a width of two rods, no damages to be awarded and no betterments to be assessed and provided that all abutting owners or other parties interested release any and all claims to the town on account of said acceptance.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money with which to purchase fire equipment and provide for housing of same or act thereon.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to choose a Post War Planning Committee.

Article 16. To see what action the Town will vote to take in regard to raising and appropriating a sum of money for painting and repairing of the Town Hall and buildings attached thereto or act thereon.

Article 17. To act on any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

ESTIMATES FOR 1945

Moderator's Salary,	$	20.00
Selectmen's Salaries,		325.00
Selectmen's Expenses,		75.00
Auditor's Salary,		55.00
Auditor's Expenses,		20.00
Treasurer's Salary,		500.00
Treasurer's Expenses,		180.00
Tax Title,		100.00
Collector's Salary,		500.00
Collector's Expenses,		275.00
Assessors' Salaries,		550.00
Assessors' Expenses,		140.00
Town Clerk's Salary,		100.00
Town Clerk's Fees,		65.00
Town Clerk's Expenses,		20.00
Town Hall Expenses,		300.00
Myricks School Expense		50.00
Election Expenses and Expense of Registrars		125.00
Police Expenses,		200.00
Sealer's Salary,		40.00
Sealer's Expenses,		5.00
Moth Work,		575.00
Tree Warden,		300.00
Forest Fire Warden,		350.00
Fire Department,		150.00
Dog Officer,		90.00
Tuberculosis Hospital,		491.33
Board of Health Expenses,		375.00
Mosquito Control,		25.00
Chapter 81, Highways,		7,875.00
Chapter 90, Highways,		3,000.00
Bridge Drawtender,		360.00
Road Machinery Account,		125.00
Snow Removal and Sanding,		2,000.00
Public Welfare,		2,500.00
Public Welfare Administration,		400.00

A. D. C. Administration,	35.00
O. A. A. Administration,	200.00
Aid to Dependent Children,	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance,	10,000.00
Soldiers' Relief,	100.00
School Committee Salaries,	160.00
Schools,	$24,806.40
Library, including repairs,	700.00
Memorial Day,	35.00
Workmen's Compensation,	400.00
Incidentals,	200.00
Cemetery and Care of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves,	150.00
Civilian Defense,	25.00
Interest,	25.00
State Tax,	
County Tax,	
Unpaid Bills,	100.00
Rationing Board,	650.00
Reserve Account,	1,000.00
Town Reports	300.00
Honor Roll	100.00
Military Allowance	100.00
State Aid	100.00

JURY LISTS OF THE TOWN OF BERKLEY

Names added to the 1943 list as published in the 1943 town report:

Percy L. Baldwin, Myricks St.	Retired
Silas E. Brailey, Mill St.	Selectman
L. Clyde Cummings, Elm St.	Carpenter
Harry J. Gaffney, Grinnell St.	Farmer
James A. Garrity, Myricks St.	Textile worker
Anthony S. Gracia, Point St.	Farmer
Edwin D. Jones, Bay View Ave.	Farmer
Percy S. Poole, Berkley St.	Clerk
William V. Reed, Porter St.	Welder
Arthur E. Robbins, No. Main St.	Machine operator
George W. Stetson, Mill St.	Machinist
Norman E. Whittaker, Berkley St.	Carpenter

Names drawn from the 1943 list:

Ralph H. Anthony	Herbert M. Ashley
Percival L. Ashley	L. Clyde Cummings
John Q. Dillingham	James A. Garrity
George L. Wilson	Edwin D. Jones
John A. Longton	Arthur E. Robbins

A new list drawn up by the selectmen went into effect on July 1, 1944, as required by law. This list, with additions when necessary, continues in effect until June 30, 1945; and on Dec. 31, 1944, stood as follows:

1944 JURY LIST

Elijah Ames, Myricks St.	Mill worker
Richard W. Babbitt, Bay View Ave.	Farmer
*Percy L. Baldwin, Myricks St.	Retired
Silas E. Brailey, Mill St.	Selectman
William A. Burt, Myricks St.	Retired
*Roger H. Conant, So. Main St.	Florist
Melvin DeCosta, Elm St.	Textile worker
Frank Furtado, Plain St.	Crane operator
*Harry J. Gaffney, Grinnell St.	Farmer
Omer R. Gagnon, Mill St.	Operator
*Anthony S. Gracia, Point St.	Farmer
William F. Haskins, Mill St.	Sawyer
*Joseph M. Kaye, Jerome St.	Mason
Cornelius F. Murphy, Myricks St.	Crane operator
Nels A. Nelson, Grove St.	Office worker
Richard A. Perry, Berkley St.	Trout farmer
*Benjamin A. Phillips, Berkley St.	Machinist
John P. Pilling, Berkley St.	Mill worker
William G. Ratcliffe, Myricks St.	Textile worker
William V. Reed, Porter St.	Truck driver
Alfred W. Sherman, Berkley St.	Freight agent
Arnold W. Silvan, Myricks St.	Foreman
*George W. Stetson, Mill St.	Machinist
Chester F. White, Locust St.	Janitor
Norman E. Whittaker, Berkley St.	Carpenter

*Drawn, July 1 to Dec. 31, 1944.

TOWN OF BERKLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

BY-LAWS

Article I

Section 1. Every Town Meeting shall be called by a warrant directed to a constable, or other duly appointed person, by posting attested copies of the said warrant in not less than three public places in the Town, at least seven days before the day fixed for said meeting.

Section 2. There shall be elected annually on the second Monday after the first Saturday, in March, a Moderator for one year, one Selectman for three years, a Treasurer for one year, one Assessor for three years, a Highway Surveyor for one year, one member of the School Committee for three years, a Collector of Taxes for one year, an Auditor for one year, one Trustee of the Library for three years, one Burial Ground Commissioner for three years, and a Tree Warden for one year, seven constables for one year; and every three years, at such annual election, a Town Clerk to serve for three years. For such purpose the polls shall be open from twelve o'clock noon to eight o'clock P. M.

Section 3. The annual Business Town Meeting shall be held on the first Saturday of March at two o'clock P. M.

Section 4. Every article intended for insertion in the warrant for annual or special Business Town Meetings must be presented in writing to the Selectmen, in accordance with law, not less than three weeks prior to the annual meeting and not less than two weeks before a special Town Meeting. Each of the Articles, unless inserted by the Selectmen, shall be signed personally by not less than ten registered voters.

Section 5. The constable or other person duly appointed to serve the warrant for a Town Meeting shall, immediately after making the service thereof, deliver to the Town Clerk the original warrant, with his return endorsed thereon stating fully the manner in which he served the same.

Article II

Procedure at Town Meetings

Section 1. Each annual or special business Town Meeting shall be called to order by the Moderator promptly at the

appointed hour. In the absence of the Moderator such meeting shall be called to order by the Town Clerk, who shall preside until a temporary Moderator is chosen to act during the absence of the Moderator.

Section 2. Immediately after calling of the meeting to order by the Moderator the warrant for the Town Meeting and the return by the person who served the same shall first be read by the Town Clerk, unless the meeting votes that the reading of the articles in the warrant be omitted.

Section 3. Unless otherwise provided by law or by-law, all motions shall require only a majority vote. Every article in the warrant shall be taken up in its order upon the warrant unless otherwise voted by the meeting, and no motion or resolution, the subject matter of which is not set forth in some article in the warrant, shall be entertained excepting only for the purpose of obtaining the sense of the meeting; but no such motion or resolution shall be entertained if ten voters object thereto.

Section 4. The vote on any motion, provided the meeting so orders, shall be taken by a "Yes" and "No" ballot with the use of the check list.

Section 5. Deleted by Attorney General.

Article III

Conveyances of Town Property

Section 1. The Town Clerk shall have the custody of the Town Seal.

Section 2. All conveyances under seal, which may hereafter be executed by the Town, pursuant to a vote of the Town or otherwise, shall be sealed with such seal and subscribed by a majority of the Board of Selectmen.

Section 3. The Town Clerk shall keep a true copy (in a book kept for such purposes alone) of all deeds or other instruments executed by the Selectmen in accordance with the provisions of this by-law.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk to see that every conveyance to the Town of any interest in land is properly recorded in the registry of deeds.

Article IV

Board of Selectmen

Section 1. The Board of Selectmen shall appoint annually such officers as they deem necessary, each to serve for one year.

Article V

Board of Public Welfare

Section 1. The Board of Public Welfare shall be comprised of the duly elected and qualified members of the Board of Selectmen.

Article VI

Finance Committee

Section 1. There shall be a Committee, called the Finance Committee, which shall consider any and all municipal questions for the purpose of making reports or recommendations thereon to the voters of the Town. Such committee shall consist of seven voters who shall serve without pay (none of whom during their service on such committee shall hold any regular, elective, or appointive town office, having to do with the expenditure of town money).

Such committee shall be chosen by an appointing committee consisting of the Moderator, the chairman of the Board of Selectmen and the chairman of the last Finance Committee

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to inform themselves concerning those affairs and interests of the Town, the subject-matter of which is included in the warrant for its town meetings, and the Selectmen, the School Committee, and departments not under their supervision, and all other town officers be required to furnish to said Committee, in writing, not later than January 15 of each year, in as much detail as possible, their report of the previous year with their estimates and recommendations of the amounts necessary to be appropriated for the support of their several departments for the ensuing year. The Finance Committee shall then investigate the estimates and recommendations so presented and give opportunity to said various boards and officers to be heard and explain such estimates and recommendations.

Section 3. The Committee shall at each Town Meeting present and explain such budget with its advice and recommendations; at each special Town Meeting give its advice and recommendations with reference to any appropriation of the town funds or other municipal matter coming before such special meeting.

Article VII

Care of Burial Grounds and Lots

Section 1. The Town will accept and forever hold in trust any money or securities which may hereafter be deposited with the Town Treasurer for the perpetual care, preservation, improvement or embellishment of any public or private place, or any lots or graves therein, agreeably to the provisions of the statutes of the Commonwealth.

Section 2. The Town Treasurer is authorized to enter into agreement in behalf of the Town with the holders of burial rights in any lot in the cemeteries of the Town to keep forever such lot and the structures and grass thereon, in good and neat condition, so far as the same can be done by an expenditure not exceeding the income from any sum of money or not exceeding the income from any securities, which such holder may have deposited with the Town Treasurer for such purpose.

Section 3. Money and securities received under the provisions of the preceding section shall not be mingled with other money or securities of the Town, but shall be kept and invested separately as a cemetery fund and unless otherwise specially provided for in the terms of the gift, the income only shall be used.

Article VIII

Use of Street, Sidewalks, and Public Places

Section 1. No person shall deface, injure or destroy any tree, fence, sign, guide-post, or electric light, telegraph or telephone pole in any street or public way in this town.

Section 2. No person shall accost or address another person with profane, obscene, indecent or insulting language, on any street or public place, or in any public building, and

no person shall be rude, boisterous, indecent, or disorderly on any street, or in any public place or building, annoy or disturb any person peacably thereon or therein.

Section 3. No person shall habitually or otherwise gather or congregate or loaf about, on any street or public place, after being directed by a police officer to cease such gathering or loafing.

Section 4. No person shall coast or skate on any street or public place except such as are designated by the Selectmen.

Section 5. No person shall willfully permit any horse or other grazing animal to pasture, graze or go at large on any street or public place.

Section 6. No person, without lawful authority to do so, shall throw, sweep, place or drop and suffer to remain on any street or public place any ashes, earth, garbage, rubbish, litter, or manure or any noxious or refuse liquid or solid substance, or any glass, nails, tacks, scrap iron or similar articles.

Article IX

Prosecutions and Penalties

Section 1. Except when otherwise provided by law, prosecutions for offenses under the by-laws of the Town may be made by any constable or police officer of the Town.

Section 2. Whoever violates any by-law of the Town whereby any act or thing is enjoined, required or prohibited, shall forfeit and pay for each offense a fine not exceeding twenty dollars unless some other penalty is expressly provided by law, or by some by-law to the Town.

Article X

Amendments

Section 1. Any by-law of the Town may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any Town Meeting provided the proposed amendment is included in the warrant of the Meeting.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 1, 1942

The foregoing by-laws are hereby approved, except that Sec. 5 of Art. II has been deleted.

ROBERT T. BUSHNELL,
Attorney General

Certified:

ERVINE A. CHACE,
Town Clerk

A true copy: Attest:

FRANCIS F. G. ANDREWS,
Temporary Town Clerk

These by-laws, adopted at a legal Town Meeting held March 14, 1942, are hereby published after approval by the Attorney General, as required by Chapter 40, Section 32, General Laws. (Ter. Ed.)

FRANCIS F. G. ANDREWS,
Temporary Town Clerk,
Town of Berkley, Mass.

January 30, 1945

Board of Selectmen and Public Welfare:

Gentlemen:-

In submitting this report as Agent of the Board of Public Welfare and Bureau of Old Age Assistance for the year ending December 31, 1944, may I, at the outset, express my sincere appreciation of the kindness, courtesy and co-operation received from you, The Selectmen, and from the Town Treasurer, particularly, and from other Town Officers, the Finance Committee and the citizens of the Town, generally whom it has been a pleasure and privilege to have served. And once again, I gratefully acknowledge the invaluable assistance of our unusually efficient clerk, Miss Bernice M. Andrews.

There have been little change in the total number of active cases in the three categories, but problems concerning the individual cases, plus added reporting and other matters of administration, have demanded more time and work.

Costs of Public Welfare have decreased slightly, but expenditures for Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children, show a small increase. Administration expense was slightly lower. In the A.D.C. Division, we had two cases most of the year as against one in 1943 (we now have three) and in the Old Age branch, higher Budgetary Standards plus medical and hospital costs accounted for the increase. We contemplate another slight increase in most Old Age cases during March.

What the future will demand from the Public Assistance Program can hardly be predicted now with any degree of certainty. With the ending of the World Conflict, which we all sincerely hope will be soon, we may be confronted with many problems. Should history repeat itself, we may be faced again, as we were after the last War, with the stern facts of unemployment or sharply decreased earnings with a resultant heavy increase in costs of Public Relief. Apart from Public Welfare, returning servicemen and women and their dependents will have the right to expect, and should certainly receive, all the consideration and help they need. They have earned and are still earning, with blood, sacrifice and valor, that right.

That these requirements will be met when needed there is no doubt. Until then we can only plan according to present needs and, therefore, I suggest that appropriations for the current year be the same as for 1944 with the exception that the appropriation for Aid to Dependent Children be increased to Two Thousand Dollars instead of One Thousand, as of last year. Reason for this is found in the fact that beginning the year 1944 we had, in our Federal Grant Account available for A.D.C., the sum of $802.21—we have practically nothing in the account beginning 1945. I also suggest that in addition to the appropriation of $100.00 for Soldiers Relief that an account of $100.00 be set up for Military Allowance (World War No. 2) and $100.00 for State Aid.

The summarized Statistical and Financial Report is as follows:—

	Cases Active	Cases Added	Cases Closed	Active 1-1-45
	Jan. 1, 1944			
Public Welfare	3	4	3	4
Aid to Dependent Children	2	2	1	3
Old Age Assistance	36	4	7	33
Soldier's Relief	0	1	1	0

In his report the Town Treasurer, Mr. Andrews, will show in his usual efficient and thorough manner the detailed account of our receipts and expenditures in the different categories of relief or assistance;-

Summarized they are as follows:-

ASSISTANCE

Public Welfare

Total Receipts	$ 2,530.00	
Expenditures	2,204.81	
Balance		$ 325.19

Expenditures 1943 $2,318.58. Decrease $113.77.

Old Age Assistance

Total Receipts (Town and Federal Grants)	$ 17,528.38	
Expenditures	17,410.54	
Balance		$ 117.84

Expenditures 1943 $16,837.73. Increase $572.81.

Aid to Dependent Children		
Total Receipts	$ 2,087.21	
Expenditures	1,546.50	
Balance		$ 540.71

Expenditures 1943 $840.00. Increase $742.50.

ADMINISTRATION

Public Welfare		
Total Receipts	$ 400.00	
Expenditures	336.55	
Balance		$ 63.45
Old Age Assistance		
Receipts (Town and Federal Grants)	$ 549.56	
Expenditures	535.14	
Balance		$ 14.42
Aid to Dependent Children		
Receipts (Town and Federal Grants)	$ 60.15	
Expenditures	41.70	
Balance		$ 18.45

Total Expenditures 1943, $920.44—1944 $913.39 Decrease $7.05.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

General Revenue

Taxes for Town, from Collectors:		
Arthur E. Robbins:		
1943 Real Estate	$ 2,843.18	
1943 Personal	285.27	
1942 Real Estate	430.78	
1942 Personal	15.23	
1941 Real Estate	9.52	
1936 Real Estate	.06	
1943 Poll	3.81	
1942 Poll	2.00	
		$ 3,589.85
Francis F. G. Andrews:		
1944 Real Estate	$ 15,877.88	
1944 Personal	3,176.16	
1943 Real Estate	3,534.01	
1943 Personal	191.37	
1942 Real Estate	1,727.68	
1942 Personal	162.05	
1941 Real Estate	.60	
1944 Poll	536.00	
		25,205.75
		$28,795.60
Reimbursement, loss of taxes, from State		1.72
Tax Title Redemptions, including interest:		
Lois Babbitt heirs	$ 25.22	
William A. Burt	61.11	
Willard Hathaway heirs	955.14	
Julia Mann	17.48	
Julia Mann, partial	78.24	
N. Y., N. H. and H. R. R. Co.	349.86	
Fenella O'Brien heirs	10.01	
Frederick M. Paull, partial	350.00	
Charles D. Peirce heirs	29.94	
Lucy Whittaker heirs	239.11	
Meredith C. Wilson	414.27	
		2,530.38

Tax Title Assignment:		
Tolley and Tompkins, to William V. Reed		470.20
		3,000.58
Taxes from State:		
Corporation	2,258.47	
Income	4,645.00	
		6,903.47
Licenses and Permits:		
1945 liquor, package store, Ruth N. Hampston	$ 200.00	
1-day beer permits, Beagle Club	16.00	
Pistol permits	1.50	
Slaughterhouse license, G. R. Babbitt	1.00	
Pasteurizing license, N. M. Colpitts	10.00	
Peddler's license, from State, Philias Gagne	6.00	
Gasoline licenses:		
Hervey Blanchette	$ 2.00	
Bertha E. Shaw	2.00	
Frank Silva	2.00	
Calvin Staples	2.00	
Joseph C. Tavares	2.00	
Joseph Trzcinski	2.00	
		12.00
Sunday licenses:		
Hervey Blanchette	$ 1.00	
Annie C. Sellars	1.00	
Bertha E. Shaw	1.00	
Frank Silva	1.00	
Calvin Staples	1.00	
Joseph C. Tavares	1.00	
Joseph Trzcinski	1.00	
		7.00
		$ 253.50
Grants and Gifts:		
Grants from Federal Government:		
Old Age Assistance	$ 7,528.38	
O. A. A. Administration	250.90	
Aid to Dependent Children	285.00	
A. D. C. Administration	21.76	
		$ 8,086.04

Grants from State:		
Mass. School Fund	$ 3,008.43	
Vocational Education and Transportation	1,147.80	
High School Tuition	2,909.62	
High School Transportation	2,206.00	
Union Supt. of Schools	197.59	
Chap. 81 Highways, 1943	1,176.94	
Chap. 81 Highways, 1944	3,551.54	
Dist. Gasoline tax	2,999.23	
Inspector of Animals	30.00	
Meals Tax	508.86	
		17,736.01
Grant from County, Dog Fund		188.52
		$ 26,010.57

Commercial Revenue

Special Assessments, from Collectors:		
Arthur E. Robbins:		
1943 Moth	$ 22.00	
1942 Moth	8.00	
1941 Moth	1.00	
1940 Moth	3.00	
		$ 34.00
Francis F. G. Andrews:		
1944 Moth	$ 94.00	
1943 Moth	20.00	
		114.00
		$148.00
Privileges:		
Arthur E. Robbins, Collector:		
1943 Motor Vehicle Excise	$ 36.65	
1942	5.20	
1940	.08	
		$ 41.93
Francis F. G. Andrews, Collector:		
1944 M. V. Excise	$ 1,224.44	
1943 M. V. Excise	16.00	
1942 M. V. Excise	2.00	
		1,242.44

Oyster privilege, 3 years			
Wilfred D. Talbot			25.00
		$	1,309.37
Departmental Receipts:			
Treasurer, charge for town, redemption of assigned tax title	$ 1.00		
Collector, Demands for taxes	8.75		
Town Clerk, reimbursement by county, cost of mailing dog tags	2.69		
Elections and Registrations, sale of voting list	1.00		
Dog Officer, reimbursement by county, boarding and killing dogs:			
For 1943	19.00		
For 1944	24.00		
			43.00
Highways:			
State, Chapter 90, 1943	$ 999.95		
State, Chapter 90, 1944	999.65		
County, Chapter 90, 1943	999.95		
County, Chapter 90, 1944	999.65		
			3,999.20
Charities:			
Reimbursements for Public Welfare:			
Town of Norton	$ 95.00		
City of Taunton	189.15		
Reimbursement, Aid to Dependent Children, from State	474.64		
Reimbursements, Old Age Assistance:			
Town of Dighton	$ 22.50		
City of New Bedford	13.33		
City of Taunton	72.50		
State	6,630.98		
		$	7,498.10
Schools: Tuition and Trans., State Wards, from State	$ 743.15		
Sale of Real Estate (Tax Possessions):			
Linneus C. Whitaker, Elm Street land	20.00		
		$	12,316.89

Cemeteries

Sale of lot, Harry B. Lincoln, Attleboro Falls, Mass.	$ 10.00	
Interest drawn, perpetual care funds	79.20	
		$ 89.20

Interest

On deposits		$ 1.09
On deferred taxes, Collectors:		
Arthur E. Robbins	$ 61.07	
Francis F. G. Andrews	279.59	
		340.66
On M. V. Excises, Collectors:		
Arthur E. Robbins	$ .36	
Francis F. G. Andrews	1.24	
		1.60
		$ 343.35

Municipal Indebtedness

Unpaid 1944 Warrants	$ 115.96

Agency, Trust, and Investment

1944 R. E. Taxes for State, from Collector: Francis F. G. Andrews		$ 1,815.00
1944 R. E. Taxes for County, from Collector: Francis F. G. Andrews		1,635.43
Dog Licenses less fees, for County, from Temp. Town Clerk		263.80
Federal Withholding Deductions, for U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue, from Treasurer; on salaries and wages in the following departments:		
Assessors	$ 49.94	
Board of Health	3.80	
Collector	63.69	
Fire	7.91	
Highway	207.20	
Library	42.00	
Moth	19.46	
Police	6.46	

Selectmen	20.00	
School	1,177.00	
Town Clerk	14.58	
Treasurer	90.51	
Tree	103.90	
Welfare	92.40	
		1,898.85
Tailings; Checks, previous years		26.34
Redemption of Assigned Tax Titles:		
Tolley and Tompkins		480.63
		$ 6,120.05

Refunds

General Departments:		
Civilian Defense, toll call	$ .50	
Collector, petty cash, returned	50.00	
Overpayment on treasury warrant	.20	
Public Welfare, check returned	30.00	
Ration Board, toll call	.10	
		$ 80.80

Recapitulation of 1944 Receipts

Taxes for Town, from Collectors	$ 28,795.60	
Reimbursement, loss of taxes	1.72	
Tax Title Redemptions and Assignment	3,000.58	
Taxes from State	6,903.47	
Licenses and Permits	253.50	
Grants: Federal, State, and County	26,010.57	
Special Assessments, from Collectors	148.00	
Privileges	1,309.37	
Departmental Receipts	12,316.89	
Cemeteries	89.20	
Interest	343.35	
Municipal Indebtedness	115.96	
Agency, Trust, and Investment	6,120.05	
Refunds	80.80	
Total 1944 Receipts		$ 85,489.06
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1944		28,631.83
Grand Total		$114,120.89

Payments

1944 Treasury Warrants:		
Regular, Nos. 1 to 53, inc.	$ 64,693.46	
O. A. A., Nos. 1 to 24, inc.	17,023.40	
A. D. C., Nos. 1 to 24, inc.	1,546.50	
Overpayment of warrant (refunded)	.20	
Total 1944 Payments		$ 83,263.56
Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1944		30,857.33
Grand Total		$114,120.89

CHARGES TO ACCOUNTS

Moderator's Salary—Appropriation $20.00

Nels Arthur Nelson	$ 10.00	
Joseph D. Rose	10.00	
		$ 20.00

Selectmen's Salaries—Appropriation $325.00

Silas E. Brailey	$ 100.00	
Warren L. Ide, Chairman	125.00	
Eino G. Silvan	100.00	
		$ 325.00

Selectmen's Expenses—Appropriation $75.00

Bristol County Selectmen's Assn., dues	$ 9.00	
Hobbs and Warren, Inc., forms	.50	
Linneus C. Whitaker, posting warrants	18.00	
		$ 27.50

Auditor's Salary—Appropriation $55.00

Harold G. Ashley	$ 43.54	
Warren M. Ide	10.00	
		$ 53.54

Auditor's Expenses—Appropriation $20.00

Holmes Print Shop, envelopes, notices	$ 10.50	
Warren M. Ide, paid for stamps	3.66	
Postmaster, Taunton, Mass., stamps	3.00	
		$ 17.16

Auditing Municipal Accounts

State		$ 470.69

Treasurer's Salary—Appropriation $500.00

Francis F. G. Andrews		$ 452.57

Treasurer's Expenses—Appropriation $180.00

Francis F. G. Andrews, paid postage	$ .70	
Burroughs Adding Machine Co., supplies	1.65	
L. C. Couch Agency, bond	25.50	
Hobbs and Warren, Inc., check registers, forms	9.96	
Mass. Collectors and Treasurers Assn., dues	2.00	
Postmaster, Taunton, Mass., stamps	75.18	
Robinson Seal Co., Inc., withholding forms	4.20	
Safeguard, Inc., repairing checkwriter	25.40	
John H. Sperry Co., Inc., type ribbons	1.50	
Sullivan's Office Supply Co., file	2.80	
J. R. Tallman and Co., Inc., insurance on weights and measures	11.77	
Taunton Office Supply, supplies	4.55	
Robert A. Wilcox Co., Inc., supplies	12.39	
		$ 177.60

Tax Title Expenses—Appropriation $125.00

Hobbs and Warren, Inc., forms	$ 14.12	
E. D. Robinson	35.00	
Robert A. Wilcox Co., Inc., file folders	2.63	
		$ 51.75

Collector's Salary—Appropriation $450.00

Francis F. G. Andrews	$ 318.44	
Arthur E. Robbins	131.56	
		$ 450.00

Collector's Petty Cash

Collector, for change (refunded)		$ 50.00

Collector's Expenses—Appropriation $400.00

The Barre Gazette, tax bills	$ 10.51	
J. Adrien Bissonette, deputy's bond	5.00	
L. C. Couch Agency, bonds	45.00	
Hobbs and Warren, Inc., forms	56.14	

Holmes Print Shop, envelopes, notices	3.75	
Warren L. Ide, moving safe	5.00	
Postmaster, Taunton, Mass., envelopes stamps	58.86	
Registry of Deeds, recording takings	24.08	
Arthur E. Robbins, fees on takings	162.40	
Sullivan's Office Supply Co., supplies	1.30	
J. R. Tallman and Co., Inc., insurance	25.35	
Town Clerk, Portsmouth, R. I., records	2.00	
		$ 399.39

Assessors' Salaries—Appropriation $500.00

Milton A. Babbitt	$ 100.07	
Ervine A. Chace	25.00	
Effie W. Robbins	15.71	
Anthony Sylvia	100.07	
Norman E. Whittaker, Chairman	250.00	
		$ 490.85

Assessors' Expenses—Appropriation $140.00

Assn. of Mass. Assessors, dues	$ 6.00	
Milton A. Babbitt, fare to Boston	1.65	
Davol Printing House, forms	4.90	
Hobbs and Warren, Inc., committment books	15.21	
Holmes Print Shop, canvassing blanks	6.50	
Minetta M. Miller, property transfers	15.03	
Postmaster, Taunton, Mass., postage	11.00	
Sullivan's Office Supply Co., supplies	.30	
rental of stand	3.00	
Anthony Sylvia, mileage and expenses	5.00	
Norman E. Whittaker, 12 days use of car	48.00	
mileage and expenses	23.05	
		$ 139.64

Town Clerk's Salary and Fees—Appropriation $125.00

Francis F. G. Andrews, salary, as Temporary Clerk	$ 72.89	
Francis F. G. Andrews, fees:		
Oaths of office, 28 at 25c	7.00	
1 death record to Taunton	.50	
Returning certificates to State:		
23 births at $1.00	23.00	

15 deaths at 50c	7.50	
7 marriages at 50c	3.50	
Ervine A. Chace, salary to Feb. 2	7.11	
Ervine A. Chace, 2 marriages at 50c	1.00	
		$ 122.50

Town Clerk's Expenses—Appropriation $50.00

L. C. Couch Agency, bond	$ 5.00	
Hobbs and Warren, Inc., books, binders, forms, etc.	21.08	
The Marcheterre Press, forms	2.20	
Postmaster, Taunton, Mass., envelopes, stamps	5.69	
Robinson Seal Co., Inc., supplies	13.69	
Marion L. Whitaker, paid for money orders	1.00	
		$ 48.66

Town Hall Expenses—Appropriations $170.00

A. A. Briggs, wood	$45.00	
Joseph Marshall, sawing wood	6.00	
N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co.	6.45	
The Pierce Hardware Co., bulbs, etc.	1.25	
J. R. Tallman and Co., Inc., moving safe	30.00	
Taunton Mun. Lt. Plant	9.50	
Chester F. White, Janitor	50.00	
		$ 148.20

Election Expenses—Appropriation and Trans. $179.86

Holmes Print Shop, ballots, voting lists		$ 47.50
H. S. Horne and Co., election pencils		1.61
Sullivan's Office Supply Co., envelopes		1.80
R. Dexter Tolman, roll, ballot box		.55
Payrolls:		
Silas E. Brailey	$12.60	
E. Roy Colpitt	21.60	
Marion Needham	21.60	
Julia I. Senechal	21.60	
Marion L. Whitaker	21.60	
John T. Wilson	21.60	
Linneus C. Whitaker	7.80	
		128.40
		$ 179.86

Rationing Board Expenses—Appropriation and Refund $575.10

Berkley Common Variety Store, oil	$ 3.51		
Bostock Furniture Co., wicks	.50		
Carpenter work (an unpaid warrant)	70.00		
N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co.	74.16		
The Pierce Hdwe. Co., mops, chemical, etc.	6.45		
Staples Coal Co.	66.96		
Sullivan's Office Supply Co., supplies, etc.	21.30		
Taunton Mun. Lt. Plant	11.12		
Lucy F. White, janitor	288.00		
		$	542.00

Police Account—Appropriations $215.00

Harold G. Ashley, 13½ hrs.	$ 8.10		
Ernest H. Bradley, 4 hrs.	2.40		
William A. Cox, 134 1-6 hrs.	80.50		
Willis G. Craw, 19 hrs.	11.40		
Charles E. Harrison, 6 hrs.	3.60		
Warren L. Ide, 12 hrs.	7.20		
William B. Mitchell, 17 hrs.	10.20		
Frederick A. Reed, 42½ hrs.	25.50		
Eino H. Silvan, 28 hrs.	16.80		
Linneus C. Whitaker, 45 2-3 hrs.	27.40		
Hiram E. Young, 16 hrs.	9.60		
		$	202.70

Civilian Defense—Net Appropriation and Refund $100.50

N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co.		$	86.92
Building road block horses:			
Peter B. Silvinski	$ 4.80		
Linneus C. Whitaker	5.84		
			10.64
		$	97.56

Sealer's Salary—Appropriation $40.00

Wojciech Pysz		$	40.00

Sealer's Expenses—Appropriation $5.00

W. and L. E. Gurley		$	3.58

Moth Work, including private work—Appropriation $575.60

Supervision at 70c per hr.:				
Alvin E. Briggs, 228 hrs.			$	159.60
Labor at 60c per hr.:				
Adelbert A. Briggs, 188 hrs.	$	112.80		
Wilfred A. Briggs, 64 hrs.		38.40		
George Jones, 30		18.00		
Arthur G. Mann, 16		9.60		
Henry J. Miller Jr., 16		9.60		
Norman E. Whittaker, 8		4.80		
			$	193.20
Trucks at $3.00 per day:				
Alvin E. Briggs, 6 days	$	18.00		
Trucks at $1.00 per hr.:				
Alvin E. Briggs, 180 hrs.		180.00		
Berkley Filling Sta., oil, gas, tacks		16.64		
The Pierce Hardware Co., battery, etc.		3.05		
Waldron Hardware Co., dry cells		1.62		
			$	572.11

Tree Work—Appropriations $2,600.00

Supervision at 70c per hr.:				
Linneus C. Whitaker, 419 hrs.			$	293.30
Labor at 60c per hr.:				
Harold G. Ashley, 12 hrs.	$	7.20		
George R. Babbitt, 12 hrs.		7.20		
Richard W. Babbitt, 10½ hrs.		6.30		
Russell J. Babbitt, 7 hrs.		4.20		
Alvin E. Briggs, 270 hrs.		162.00		
Michael Burke, 130½ hrs.		78.30		
Herbert J. Flint, 19 hrs.		11.40		
Archie W. Jones, 151 hrs.		90.60		
Edwin D. Jones, 8½ hrs.		5.10		
Herbert Jones, 74 hrs.		44.40		
Lester B. Makepeace, Jr., 13 hrs.		7.80		
Joseph H. Marshall, 1 hr.		.60		
Knowlton S. Marshall, 255 hrs.		153.00		
Edward F. McCrohan, 281 hrs.		168.60		
Jack O'Leary, 5 hrs.		3.00		
Benjamin A. Phillips, 1 hr.		.60		
David A. Pilling, 5 hrs.		3.00		
Raymond Reagan, 12 hrs.		7.20		
Eugene A. Rose, 40 hrs.		24.00		

Joseph D. Rose, Jr., 26½ hrs.	15.90	
Alfred W. Sherman, 1 hr.	.60	
Ralph E. Sherman, 7½ hrs.	4.50	
Martin D. Shippee, 157 hrs.	94.20	
Eino H. Silvan, 5 hrs.	3.00	
Peter B. Slivinski, 295 hrs.	177.00	
Norman E. Whittaker, 225 hrs.	135.00	
Meredith C. Wilson, 5 hrs.	3.00	
		$ 1,217.70
Horse at 40c per hr.:		
Joseph H. Marshall, 1hr.		$ .40
Trucks at $1.00 per hr.:		
George R. Babbitt, 12 hrs.	$ 12.00	
Russell J. Babbitt, 7 hrs.	7.00	
Alvin E. Briggs, 270 hrs.	270.00	
Edwin D. Jones, 8½ hrs.	8.50	
Linneus C. Whitaker, 170 hrs.	170.00	
		$ 467.50
Joseph H. Babbitt, filing saws, etc.	5.00	
Hervey Blanchette, oil, gas	2.44	
Joseph Boiros, welding saw machine	4.75	
H. M. Briggs, cutting and trimming, 127 hrs.	190.50	
Warren L. Ide, 150 ft. 1¼ in. rope	16.50	
Mary Longton, 6 yards gravel	.60	
George E. Mandigo, bulldozer, truck, driver, trailer, 18 hrs.	207.00	
Knowlton S. Marshall, saw, 67 hrs.	43.55	
The Pierce Hardware Co., lanterns, wedges, etc.	11.57	
Linneus C. Whitaker, pd. for toll calls	1.13	
		$ 2,461.94

Fire—Appropriation and refund $750.20

Supervision at 70c per hr.:		
George R. Babbitt, Forest Warden, 83 hrs.	$ 58.10	
Local labor payrolls	277.80	
Men of Freetown Fire Dept.	56.08	
Overpayment on warrant, refunded	.20	
Local truck payrolls	212.00	

Town of Freetown, 3 pieces apparatus, 12 hrs.	60.00	
George Reilly (Taunton fireman) loss of coat	10.75	
		$ 674.93

Dog Officer's Account—Appropriation $90.00

Taunton Daily Gazette, advt.		$ 2.73
Charles E. Harrison:		
Boarding 12 dogs, 6 days each	$ 36.00	
Killing 13 dogs	13.00	
Investigating	14.30	
Posting 5 notices	2.50	
		$ 65.80
		$ 68.53

County Tuberculosis Hospital—Appropriation $689.32

County Treasurer		$ 689.32

Board of Health Expenses—

Appropriations and Transfer $428.02

Alvin E. Briggs, removing dead animal	$ 5.00	
Joseph O. Freeman, Animal Inspector	60.00	
Joseph O. Freeman, Slaughtering Inspector, 540 hrs. @ 60c per hr.	324.00	
Payrolls, pumping wells after hurricane:		
Supervision, L. C. Whitaker, 10 hrs.	7.00	
Labor payrolls	18.00	
Truck, Alvin E. Briggs, 10 hrs.	10.00	
		$ 424.00

Mosquito Control—Appropriation $25.00

State Reclamation Board		$ 25.00

Chapter 81 Highways—Appropriation $7,875.00

Supervision	$ 711.10	
Labor	2,330.60	
Truck hire	1,043.00	
Other equipment hire	306.50	
Materials, etc.	3,483.78	
		$ 7,874.98

Chapter 90 Highways—Appropriation $3,000.00

Supervision	$ 119.45	
Labor	239.40	
Truck hire	111.50	
Materials	2,528.59	
		$ 2,998.94

Chapter 81 and Chapter 90 payrolls, etc., shown combined

Supervision @ 70c per hr.:		
Linneus C. Whitaker, 1132½ hrs.		$ 792.75
Supervision @ 90c per hr.:		
Henry P. Goff, 42 hrs.		$ 37.80
Labor @ $1.25 per hr.:		
Harry C. Hathaway, 4 hrs.	$ 5.00	
Labor @ 60c per hr.:		
Harold G. Ashley, 12 hrs.	$ 7.20	
George R. Babbitt, 15 hrs.	9.00	
Richard W. Babbitt, 142 hrs.	85.20	
Russell J. Babbitt, 145 hrs.	87.00	
Albert W. J. Bindon, 8 hrs.	4.80	
James A. Bindon, 103½ hrs.	62.10	
Adelbert A. Briggs, 90 hrs.	54.00	
Alvin E. Briggs, 200 hrs.	120.00	
John B. Brightman, 2½ hrs.	1.50	
Michael Burke, 412½ hrs.	247.50	
Kenneth H. Combs, 17½	10.50	
Arthur Dillingham, 20 hrs.	12.00	
John Q. Dillingham, 4 hrs.	2.40	
Herbert J. Flint, 346 hrs.	207.60	
Francis E. Fournier, 52 hrs.	31.20	
John Frizado, 18½ hrs.	11.10	
Louis R. Gracia, 7 hrs.	4.20	
Earl Hathaway, 42 hrs.	25.20	
Marcus Houtzager, 4	2.40	
Ralph F. Hoxie, 4 hrs.	2.40	
Archie W. Jones, 315 hrs.	189.00	
Edwin D. Jones, 12 hrs.	7.20	
Herbert Jones, 93 hrs.	55.80	
Lester B. Makepeace, Jr., 11½ hrs.	6.90	
Joseph H. Marshall, Jr., 20 hrs.	12.00	
Knowlton S. Marshall, 184 hrs.	110.40	
Edward F. McCrohan, 215 hrs.	129.00	
John Moskol, 4 hrs.	2.40	

Nels A. Nelson, 12	7.20	
Joseph N. Parenteau, 48 hrs.	28.80	
Raymond Reagan, 3½ hrs.	2.10	
Frederick A. Reed (Porter), 32 hrs.	19.20	
George A. Reed, 42 hrs.	25.20	
Antone Rose, 28 hrs.	16.80	
Eugene A. Rose, 23 hrs.	13.80	
Joseph D. Rose, Jr., 589½ hrs.	353.70	
Manuel Rose, 4 hrs.	2.40	
Reginald Rose, 5½ hrs.	3.30	
Richard M. Rose, 5½ hrs.	3.30	
Richard Senechal, 4 hrs.	2.40	
Martin D. Shippee, 535 hrs.	321.00	
Arnold H. Sims, 149 hrs.	89.40	
Peter B. Slivinski, 179 hrs.	107.40	
Allen Talbot, 14 hrs.	8.40	
Norman E. Whittaker, 101 hrs.	60.60	
		$ 2,565.00
Truck hire @ $1.00 per hr.:		
George R. Babbitt, 15 hrs.	$15.00	
Russell J. Babbitt, 133 hrs.	133.00	
Alvin E. Briggs, 151 hrs.	151.00	
John B. Brightman, 2½ hrs.	2.50	
Edwin D. Jones, 12 hrs.	12.00	
George A. Reed, 42 hrs.	42.00	
Manuel Rose, 32 hrs.	32.00	
Linneus C. Whitaker, 687 hrs.	687.00	
John T. Wilson, 80 hrs.	80.00	
		1,154.50
Hire of other equipment:		
Charles E. Alger, compressor, 16 hrs.	$ 64.00	
McCabe Sand & Gravel Co.:		
Compressor, 5 hrs.	17.50	
Mixer, 47 hrs.	23.50	
Scraper, 74 hrs.	181.50	
Town of Norton, road brush, 2 days	10.00	
John T. Wilson, mowing machine, 10 hrs.	10.00	
		306.50

Materials, etc.:				
Ervine A. Chace, 21 yds. gravel	$	2.10		
East Freetown Garage, painting 2 signs		14.00		
Lydia D. Hall, 73 yds. sand & gravel		7.30		
H. C. Hathaway, blasting & materials		24.50		
Independent Coal Tar Co., tar		3,771.97		
Mary Longton, 67 yds. gravel		6.70		
McCabe Sand & Gravel Co.:				
1,156 yds. scr. sand, spread		2,023.88		
6½ yds. scr. sand		5.85		
83½ yds. cr. bank gravel		125.25		
The Pierce Hardware Co., nails, cement		1.44		
Sanders Lumber Co., lumber, nails		19.26		
Mary Souto, 7 yds, gravel		.70		
Linneus C. Whitaker, pd. for posts		9.42		
			$	6,012.37

Bridge Tender—Appropriation $360.00

Joseph H. Babbitt			$	360.00

Road Machinery Account—Appropriation $125.00

American Chain Link Fence Co., road drag	$	13.01		
Joseph H. Babbitt, repairs		3.65		
Hervey Blanchette, oil, gas, etc.		1.99		
Warren L. Ide, trucking drag		2.00		
Traffic & Road Equip. Co., 12 steel brooms		24.00		
L. C. Whitaker, paid express on brooms		.60		
			$	45.25

Snow Removal & Sanding—
Appropriation and Transfer $852.55

Supervision @ 70c per hr.:				
Linneus C. Whitaker, 130½ hrs.			$	91.35
Labor @ 60c per hr.:				
George R. Babbitt, 99 hrs.	$	59.40		
Alvin E. Briggs, 6 hrs.		3.60		
Anthony Cambra, 4 hrs.		2.40		
Anthony Cambra, Jr., 4 hrs.		2.40		
Wendell D. Conant, 5 hrs.		3.00		
Francis E. Fournier, 6 hrs.		3.60		

Louis R. Gracia, 12 hrs.		7.20		
M. Wallace Harrison, 2½ hrs.		1.50		
Nathan Holmes, 2 hrs		1.20		
Knowlton S. Marshall, 10 hrs.		6.00		
Edward F. McCrohan, 16 hrs.		9.60		
William B. Mitchell, 15 hrs.		9.00		
Richard A. Perry, 89 hrs.		53.40		
Ralph E. Sherman, 11 hrs.		6.60		
John G. Silvia, 5 hrs.		3.00		
Peter B. Slivinski, 34 hrs.		20.40		
Stanley Trond, 3½ hrs.		2.10		
Wallace E. Wood, 60 hrs.		36.00		
			$	230.40
Trucks @ $1.00 per hr.:				
George R. Babbitt, 10 hrs.	$	10.00		
Alvin E. Briggs, 10 hrs.		10.00		
Anthony Cambra, 4 hrs.		4.00		
Warren A. Holmes, 2 hrs.		2.00		
Warren L. Ide, 15 hrs.		15.00		
Richard A. Perry, 4 hrs.		4.00		
John G. Silvia, 5 hrs.		5.00		
Linneus C. Whitaker, 10 hrs.		10.00		
				60.00
Trucks with plows @ $2.50 per hr.:				
George R. Babbitt, 67 hrs.	$	167.50		
Richard A. Perry, 65 hrs.		162.50		
				330.00
Trucks with plows @ $3.50 per hr.:				
George R. Babbitt, 20 hrs.	$	70.00		
Richard A. Perry, 20 hrs.		70.00		
				140.00
Lydia D. Hall, 8 yds. sand				.80
			$	852.55

Repair Road Machinery Shed—Appropriation $250.00

Supervision @ 70c per hr.:				
Linneus C. Whitaker, 45 hrs.			$	31.50
Labor @ 60c per hr.:				
Alvin E. Briggs, 32 hrs.	$	19.20		
Knowlton S. Marshall, 31 hrs.		18.60		
Edward F. McCrohan, 34 hrs.		20.40		
Peter B. Slivinski, 45 hrs.		27.00		
				85.20

Trucks @ $1.00 per hr.:		
Alvin E. Briggs, 8 hrs.	$ 8.00	
Linneus C. Whitaker, 2 hrs.	2.00	
		10.00
Edward W. Goodhue, shingles, boards, etc.		81.34
The Pierce Hardware Co., paint, brushes, etc.		7.82
Linneus C. Whitaker, paid for nails		.80
		$ 216.66

Public Welfare Expenses—Appropriation $400.00

Bernice M. Andrews, salary	$ 96.00	
Hobbs & Warren, Inc., forms	.87	
Social Service Index	5.50	
George L. Tormey, salary	192.00	
mileage	42.18	
		$ 336.55

Administration, Aid to Dependent Children

Town Account, Appropriation		$ 35.00
Federal Grant Account, Available		25.15
Payments from Town Account, $22.20; from Federal Account, $19.50		
Payments, combined:		
Bernice M. Andrews, salary	$ 12.00	
George L. Tormey, mileage	5.70	
salary	24.00	
		$ 41.70

Administration, Old Age Assistance

Town Account, Appropriation		$ 200.00
Federal Grant Account, Available		349.56
Payments from Town Account, $186.74; from Federal Account, $348.40.		
Payments, combined:		
Bernice M. Andrews, salary	$ 192.00	
George L. Tormey, mileage	55.14	
salary	288.00	
		$ $535.14

Public Welfare—Appropriation and Refund, $2,530.00

Cash Grants	$ 1,295.00	
Board: Clara Rose	425.00	

Ambulance: Modern Ambulance Service	10.00	
Hospitals: Truesdale Hospital	157.50	
Medicines: Louise Wordell	3.00	
Carlow's Pharmacy	23.37	
Glasses: Dr. Fred R. Blumenthal	17.00	
Doctors and Dentists:		
Dr. Malcolm C. Robbins	12.00	
Dr. Charles M. Souza	42.00	
Other Cities and Towns:		
City of Fall River	216.94	
City of Taunton	3.00	
		$ 2,204.81

Aid to Dependent Children

Town Account, Appropriation (net)	$ 1,000.00
Federal Grant Account, Available	1,087.21

Payments from Town Acct., $503.25; from Federal Acct., $1,043.25.

Payments were all cash grants, totaling $1,546.50.

Old Age Assistance

Town Account, Appropriation	$ 10,000.00
Federal Grant Account, Available	7,528.38

Payments from Town Acct., $9,981.54; from Federal Acct., $7,429.00.

Payments, combined:

Cash Grants, per payrolls	$ 17,023.40	
Lawrence Barrow, care	14.40	
Charles E. Harrison, opening grave	15.00	
Milton H. Farley & Son:		
Opening grave	15.00	
Transporting body	12.00	
Other cities and towns:		
Town of Dighton	54.89	
Town of Raynham	16.73	
Town of Swansea	30.17	
City of Taunton	144.61	
Town of Wareham	84.34	
		$ 17,410.54

Soldiers' Relief—Appropriation $100.00

Cash Grants	$ 90.00

School Committee Salaries—Appropriation $160.00

Mildred A. Babbitt	$ 50.00	
William A. Cox	50.00	
Arthur E. Robbins, Chairman	60.00	
		$ 160.00

Schools—Appropriation $25,227.09

General Expenses:		
William A. Cox, truant officer	$ 25.00	
Jessie A. Christenson, clerk	244.92	
John J. Rolfe, Supt.	347.28	
John J. Rolfe, mileage, expenses	91.08	
Mildred A. Babbitt, expenses	3.95	
Arthur E. Robbins, expenses	8.15	
James E. Williams, Postmaster	6.72	
Advts., Taunton and Fall River papers	15.26	
Town of Dighton, telephone	25.63	
Holmes Print Shop, letterheads	.90	
Sullivan Bros., law books	5.25	
School Activities, Inc., law books	4.50	
Robert A. Wilcox Co., Inc., office supplies	2.19	
Sullivan's Office Supply Co.	1.09	
		$ 781.92
Teachers' Salaries		8,129.96
Health (nurse, school physician)		528.74
Text Books and supplies		760.83
Tuition, Town of Dighton		5,083.10
Transportation, C. C. Trenouth		6,020.00
Janitors' Services		1,275.10
Fuel and Light		736.96
Maintenance, Buildings and Grounds:		
Babbitt & Simmons	$ 136.10	
Bostock-Inman Elec. Co.	47.08	
P. J. Carrol & Son	1.25	
Dean St. Builders' Supply	7.68	
Joseph Furtado, Jr.	5.25	
Joseph Kaye	16.25	
The Pierce Hardware Co.	44.39	
Kendall C. Smith	6.00	
Taunton Hardware	.80	
Howard P. Tweedy	8.60	
Waldron Hardware Co.,	8.18	

Chester F. White	2.19	
Robert A. Wilcox Co., Inc.	19.80	
L. M. Witherell & Sons	96.00	
		399.57
Furniture and Furnishings:		
Visual Education Service, Inc.		86.25
Other Expenses:		
J. L. Hammett Co., diplomas	$ 6.06	
J. Richard O'Neil Co., pins	9.60	
Randall Dean & Co., Inc., insurance	351.59	
E. A. Thomas Co., ribbon	1.02	
Wallace E. Wood, moving supplies, etc.	6.00	
		374.27
		$ 24,176.70

Public Library—Appropriations $522.00

Lizzie J. Howland, Trustee	$ 10.00	
Laura M. Swift, librarian	210.00	
Chester F. White, mowing lawn, etc.	10.00	
Lucy F. White, janitor	111.00	
Nathaniel Dame, books	27.65	
Jean Karr & Co., books	48.29	
Gaylord Bros., Inc., supplies	2.05	
Staples Coal Co.	79.10	
Milton E. Hackett, clock repairs	2.00	
Joseph Kaye, repairs	21.90	
		$ 521.99

State Parks and Reservations

State Treasurer	$ 42.14

Memorial Day—Appropriation $35.00

Fred Allen, geraniums	$17.50	
Benjamin A. Phillips, transportation	2.50	
The Seeley Co., flags	14.40	
		$ 34.40

Honor Roll—Appropriation $100.00

O. G. Andrews, cleaning, refinishing	$ 7.00		
Mildred A. Babbitt, paid postage	5.30		
Homer's, cards	12.00		
Joseph E. Lawlor, wreaths	4.00		
The Pierce Hardware Co., paint	1.00		
		$	29.30

Workmen's Compensation Insurance—Net Appropriation $304.60

J R. Tallman & Co., Inc.	$	239.38

Town Reports—Appropriations $218.40

Holmes Print Shop	$	218.40

Incidentals—Appropriation $200.00

William A. Cox, distributing town reports	$ 2.40		
Town of Dighton, Berkley Bridge expense	3.60		
Charles E. Harrison, painting traffic signs	5.00		
Minnie L. Harrison, return of land	22.10		
Holmes Print Shop, highway payroll sheets	12.50		
Warren L. Ide, notarizing	11.25		
Registry of Deeds, recording	2.03		
Swift & Swift, town counsel fees	114.00		
Taunton M. Lt. Plant, Myricks schoolhouse	5.00		
Linneus C. Whitaker, distributing town reports	5.00		
		$	182.88

Cemeteries and Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves Appropriation $100.00

Harold G. Ashley	$ 20.00		
Richard W. Babbitt	3.60		
E. Roy Colpitt	25.00		
Charles E. Harrison	11.40		
Donald Harrison	4.80		
Peter Slivinski	5.60		
		$	70.40

Cemeteries, Perpetual Care Interest

Vernon D. Adams	$ 25.15	
Harold G. Ashley	26.75	
Charles E. Harrison	27.30	
		$ 79.20

Interest—Appropriation $25.00

No 1944 Payments.

Purchase of War Bonds—Appropriation $10,000.00

No 1944 Payments.

Anticipation Highway Reimbursement Loan

The First National Bank of Boston	$ 5,499.20

Unpaid 1943 Warrants

City of Fall River	$ 182.00	
Sanders Lumber Co.	2.43	
L. M. Witherell & Sons	1,540.00	
		$ 1,724.43

1943 Bills Approved at 1944 Town Meeting—Appropriation $154.55

Nathaniel Dame, Library	$ 32.55	
Edwin R. McCormick, Incidentals	57.00	
William A. Potter, Collector's Expense	23.00	
Stanley Trond, Rationing Board	6.00	
Waldron Hardware Co., School	6.02	
		$ 124.57

1941-1942 Bill of W. A. Potter—1943 Appropriation $154.00

(1943 Appropriation carried forward to 1944)

William A. Potter, Collector's Expense	$ 154.00

State Tax

State Treasurer	$ 1,815.00

County Tax

County Treasurer	$ 1,635.43

Dog Licenses from Town Clerk

County Treasurer	$	258.40

Redemption of Assigned Tax Title

William V. Reed	$	480.63

Federal Withholding Deductions

U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue	$	1,716.14

Tax Refunds

Marion L. Babbitt, 1944 Excise	$	.36		
Elizabeth Berthold, 1943 R. E.		10.50		
Ivah Brightman, Interest overpaid		.16		
Norman M. Colpitts, 1944 Excise		3.23		
Melvin DeCosta, 1944 Excise		1.23		
Willard E. Paull, 1943 Excise		2.00		
Arthur E. Robbins, overpayments to treasurer		125.12		
Allen M. Talbot, 1943 R. E.		5.25		
Lewis Trond, 1944 R. E.		11.69		
F. Elmer Whittaker, 1944 Excise		1.23		
			$	160.77

Recapitulation of Charges to Accounts

Moderator's Salary	$	20.00
Selectmen's Salaries		325.00
Selectmen's Expenses		27.50
Auditor's Salary		53.54
Auditor's Expenses		17.16
Auditing Municipal Accounts		470.69
Treasurer's Salary		452.57
Treasurer's Expenses		177.60
Tax Title Expenses		51.75
Collector's Salary		450.00
Collector's Expenses		399.39
Collector's Petty Cash		50.00
Assessors' Salaries		490.85
Assessors' Expenses		139.64
Town Clerk's Salary and Fees		122.50
Town Clerk's Expenses		48.66
Town Hall Expenses		148.20

Election Expenses	179.86
Rationing Board Expenses	542.00
Police	202.70
Civilian Defense	97.56
Sealer's Salary	40.00
Sealer's Expense	3.58
Moth work	572.11
Tree work	2,461.94
Fire	674.93
Dog Officer's Account	68.53
Tuberculosis	689.32
Board of Health Expense	424.00
Mosquito Control	25.00
Chapter 81 Highways	7,874.98
Chapter 90 Highways	2,998.94
Bridge Tender	360.00
Road Machinery Account	45.25
Snow Removal and Sanding	852.55
Repair Road Machinery Shed	216.66
Public Welfare Expenses	336.55
Adm. A. D. C., Town Account	22.20
Adm. A. D. C., Federal Grant Acct.	19.50
Adm. O. A. A., Town Account	186.74
Adm. O. A. A., Federal Grant Acct.	348.40
Public Welfare	2,204.81
Aid to Dependent Children, Town Acct.	503.25
Aid to Dependent Children, Fed. Acct.	1,043.25
Old Age Assistance, Town Acct.	9,981.54
Old Age Assistance, Fed. Acct.	7,429.00
Soldiers' Relief	90.00
School Committee Salaries	160.00
Schools	24,176.70
Public Library	521.99
State Parks and Reservations	42.14
Memorial Day	34.40
Honor Roll	29.30
Workmens' Compensation Insurance	239.38
Town Reports	218.40
Incidentals	182.88
Cemeteries and Soldiers & Sailors Graves	70.40
Cemeteries, Perpetual Care	79.20
Anticipation Highway Reimb. Loan	5,499.20
Unpaid 1943 Warrants	1,724.43
1943 Approved Bills	124.57

1941-1942 Bill of W. A. Potter	154.00	
State Tax	1,815.00	
County Tax	1,635.43	
Dog Licenses	258.40	
Redemption of Assigned Tax Title	480.63	
Federal Withholding Deductions	1,716.14	
Tax Refunds	160.77	
Total		$ 83,263.56

Statement of Annual Reserve Fund—

Appropriation $1,000.00

Transfers by Finance Committee:		
To Board of Health Expenses	$ 128.02	
To Election Expenses	29.86	
To Snow Removal and Sanding	152.55	
		$ 310.43

ACCOUNTS WITH CASH BALANCES

Dog Licenses

Receipts from Temp. Town Clerk		$ 263.80
Paid County Treasurer	$ 258.40	
Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1944	5.40	
		$ 263.80

Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves Fund

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1944	$ 72.00	
Sale of lot	10.00	
		$ 82.00
Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1944		$ 82.00

Road Machinery Fund

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1944	$ 50.30
Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1944	$ 50.30

Federal Grants, A. D. C. Administration

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1944	$ 3.39	
Federal Grants	21.76	
		$ 25.15
Payments	$ 19.50	
Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1944	5.65	
		$ 25.15

Federal Grants, O. A. A. Administration

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1944	$ 98.66	
Federal Grants	250.90	
		$ 349.56
Payments	$ 348.40	
Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1944	1.16	
		$ 349.56

Federal Grants, Aid to Dependent Children

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1944	$ 802.21	
Federal Grants	285.00	
		$ 1,087.21
Payments	$ 1,043.25	
Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1944	43.96	
		$ 1,087.21

Federal Grants, Old Age Assistance

Federal Grants		$ 7,528.38
Payments	$ 7,429.00	
Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1944	99.38	
		$ 7,528.38

Tailings—Checks of Previous Years

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1944	$ 80.58	
Transferred to Account	26.34	
		$ 106.92
Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1944		$ 106.92

Federal Withholding Deductions

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1944	$ 128.92	
Withholding Deductions	1,898.85	
		$ 2,027.77
Paid U. S. Collector of Int. Rev.	$ 1,716.14	
Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1944	311.63	
		$ 2,027.77

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT

Unpaid 1944 Warrants	$ 115.96

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

The Giles Leach Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1944 in savings banks	$ 1,754.69	
Interest added to deposits	35.26	
Balance Dec. 31, 1944		$ 1,789.95

The Edwin H. Allen Cemetery Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1944 in savings banks	$ 1,103.90	
Interest added to deposits	22.17	
Balance Dec. 31, 1944		$ 1,126.07

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

Balance Jan. 1, 1944 in savings banks	$ 4,641.13	
Interest added to deposits	69.70	
		$ 4,710.83
Interest drawn for care of lots	$ 79.20	
Balance Dec. 31, 1944	4,631.63	
		$ 4,710.83

TAX TITLES

Balance Jan. 1, 1944, 34 titles	$ 5,357.67	
From Arthur E. Robbins, Collector, 24 new titles	1,060.80	
1944 taxes added to accounts	295.61	
Interest on redemptions, etc.	313.83	
		$ 7,027.91
Redemptions, partial payments, and assignment	$ 2,686.75	
Interest on same	313.83	
Credit per state audit	.18	
Balance Dec. 31, 1944, 45 titles	4,027.15	
		$ 7,027.91

TAX POSSESSIONS

Balance Jan. 1, 1944, 5 possessions		$ 294.17
Sold by town, 1 parcel	$ 20.00	
Book value in excess of selling price	40.64	
Balance Dec. 31, 1944, 4 poossessions	233.53	
		$ 294.17

Tax possessions which may be sold by the town are the following:

A lot of land in Bear Swamp, off Plain Street; 1 acre of land on Jerome Street; Lot No. 166, Assonet Beach; and two parcels of land on Plain and Orchard Streets. Anyone interested may contact either the treasurer or selectmen:

Inter-appropriation transfers at a special town meeting were:

From	1944 Appr.	Amt. of Transfer	To
Civilian Defense	$ 200.00	$ 50.00	Collector's Expense
" "		50.00	Town Hall Expense
" "		55.00	Police Acct.
Work. Comp. Ins.	400.00	22.00	Library
" " "		18.40	Town Reports
Aid to Dep. Children	1,200.00	200.00	Bd. of Health Exp.

Also there was a transfer of $2,500.00 from Surplus Revenue to Tree Work.

In 1944, $1,898.85 was withheld from 57 persons for the Internal Revenue Dept. Anyone earning salaries and wages from the town, even if only for an hour's work, must file an exemption certificate with the treasurer, otherwise withholding must be made without exception. Certificate when filed governs the amount to be deducted, if any. Amounts deducted are sent to the Collector of Internal Revenue, and withholding receipts for same are issued by the treasurer at the close of the year.

The amount of $10,000.00, made available by the last town meeting to be used for the purchase of war bonds if approved by the finance committee and treasurer, was not spent. I believe it is highly desirable to tie up some of the town's surplus, and recommend the purchase.

All department heads should bear in mind that they are limited as to expenditures by their town appropriations. If more money is needed, they should ask the finance committee to make more available or to recommend a special town meeting, **before** contracting additional bills.

The treasurer's 1944 report is somewhat condensed at the expressed request of several town officials, to save space in the annual town report. For instance, the fire labor is shown in a lump sum; the payrolls on Chapters 81 and 90 are shown combined; some of the school subheadings such as text books and supplies are shown in a lump sum; the amounts expended under the town and federal accounts for dependent children and for old age assistance are shown combined. Comments on this are invited; personally I think every item should be shown, but I am trying this way. Anyone interested may obtain the detailed figures; the only exceptions being the various welfare accounts, which are open only to those legally entitled to the information.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS F. G. ANDREWS,

Treasurer.

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

Date	Name of Fund	Amt. of Fund	Balance Jan. 1, 1944	Interest Received	Expended for Care of Lots	Balance Dec. 31, 1944
1898	Philip C. Porter	$100.00	$100.07	$1.50	$1.50	$100.07
1900	William Babbitt	100.00	101.61	1.53	2.00	101.14
1906	Calvin T. Crane	150.00	150.05	2.26	2.25	150.06
1906	Susan H. Allen	200.00	240.01	3.61	4.80	238.82
1908	Thomas Terry	100.00	100.14	1.50	1.50	100.14
1909	Samuel C. Norcutt	100.00	102.90	1.54	2.00	102.44
1910	W. Burt & A. Simms	100.00	104.62	1.57	2.00	104.19
1910	Rev. Thomas Andros	200.00	217.97	3.27	4.25	216.99
1914	Asa W. Reed	200.00	202.27	3.04	4.00	201.31
1915	James Macomber	100.00	102.49	1.54	2.00	102.03
1916	Paull Bros. (Private Cem.)	200.00	297.68	4.47	5.00	297.15
1916	J. Haskins & E. Burt	100.00	188.12	2.83	3.75	187.20
1918	J. Hervey, E. W. Hervey et al	200.00	203.42	3.05	4.00	202.47
1920	Abail B. Crane	210.00	210.89	3.17	4.00	210.06
1922	L. Witherell & W. Seekell	100.00	100.02	1.50	1.50	100.02
1922	Stephen Corey	100.00	100.07	1.50	1.50	100.07
1923	Cummings & Howard	100.00	100.03	1.50	1.50	100.03

1923	Andrew J. Webster (Private Cem.)	200.00	227.54	3.42	4.50	226.46
1925	Ebenezer Dean Briggs	150.00	155.51	2.33	3.00	154.84
1925	Capt. Tamerlane Burt	150.00	168.35	2.53	3.50	167.38
1926	Herbert A. Perry	150.00	157.31	2.37	3.25	156.43
1927	Edward L. Smith	100.00	146.61	2.20		148.81
1929	Horace N. Macomber	100.00	100.07	1.50	1.50	100.07
1931	Albert French	200.00	200.04	3.01	3.00	200.05
1932	Charles E. French	150.00	150.22	2.26	2.40	150.08
1933	Dean Westgate	100.00	100.06	1.50	1.50	100.06
1938	Capt. John Cummings	100.00	100.61	1.51	2.00	100.12
1939	Capt. Joseph Sanford	100.00	100.87	1.51	2.00	100.38
1940	Bildad & Angeline Williams	100.00	106.15	1.60	3.50	104.25
1941	Frances A. Phillips	100.00	104.73	1.57		106.30
1942	Charles Westgate	100.00	100.03	1.50	1.50	100.03
1943	Harry E. Howland	100.00	100.67	1.51		102.18
	Totals	$4,260.00	$4,641.13	$69.70	$79.20	$4,631.63

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

April 17, 1944 to December 31, 1944

1. Charges to collector.

Committments from assessors:		
1944 Poll, 4-17-44	$ 748.00	
1938 Personal, 4-17-44	50.60	
1939 Personal, 4-17-44	58.29	
1940 Personal, 4-17-44	56.62	
1941 Personal, 4-17-44	49.44	
1942 Personal, 4-17-44	239.51	
1943 Personal, 4-17-44	848.06	
1944 Personal, 7-31-44	3,983.29	
1941 Real Estate, 4-17-44	.60	
1942 Real Estate, 4-17-44	1,848.75	
1943 Real Estate, 4-17-44	5,788.71	
1944 Real Estate, 8-10-44	26,236.06	
1943 Moth Assessments, 4-17-44	27.00	
1944 Moth Assessments, 8-10-44	116.00	
1942 Motor Vehicle Excise, 4-17-44	2.00	
1943 Motor Vehicle Excise, 4-17-44	14.00	
1944 Motor Vehicle Excise, 9 committments, 4-17-44 through 12-28-44	1,312.43	
Total committments		$ 41,379.36
Abatements and refunds:		
1943 Real Estate	$ 15.75	
1944 Real Estate	11.69	
1944 M. V. Excise	6.05	
		33.49
Overpayments refunded:		
1943 M. V. Excise		2.00
Total, Charges to collector		$ 41,414.85

2. Credits to collector.

Abatements:			
1944 Poll	$ 198.00		
1938 Personal	50.60		
1939 Personal	58.29		
1940 Personal	56.62		
1941 Personal	49.44		
1942 Personal	76.52		
1943 Personal	7.00		
1944 Personal	6.68		
1942 Real Estate	92.68		
1943 Real Estate	133.53		
1944 Real Estate	78.49		
1944 M. V. Excise	31.93		
		$	839.78
Added to tax titles:			
1944 Real Estate			295.61
Payments to treasurer:			
1944 Poll	$ 536.00		
1942 Personal	162.05		
1943 Personal	191.37		
1944 Personal	3,176.16		
1941 Real Estate	.60		
1942 Real Estate	1,727.68		
1943 Real Estate	3,534.01		
1944 Real Estate	19,328.31		
1943 Moth Assessments	20.00		
1944 Moth Assements	94.00		
1942 M. V. Excise	2.00		
1943 M. V. Excise	16.00		
1944 M. V. Excise	1,224.44		
			30,012.62
Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1944:			
1943 Personal	$ 7.00		
1944 Real Estate	107.37		
1944 Moth Assessment	3.00		
			117.37

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1944:		
1944 Poll	$ 14.00	
1942 Personal	.94	
1943 Personal	642.69	
1944 Personal	800.45	
1942 Real Estate	28.39	
1943 Real Estate	2,136.92	
1944 Real Estate	6,437.97	
1943 Moth	7.00	
1944 Moth	19.00	
1944 M. V. Excise	62.11	
		10,149.47
Total, credits to collector		$41,414.85

3. Interest collections

1944 Poll	$ .75	
1942 Personal	10.47	
1943 Personal	7.54	
1944 Personal	.51	
1941 Real Estate	.06	
1942 Real Estate	122.35	
1943 Real Estate	126.80	
1944 Real Estate	12.35	
1944 R. E. Overpayments, refunded	.16	
1942 M. V. Excise	.12	
1943 M. V. Excise	.35	
1944 M. V. Excise	.77	
		$ 282.23
Payments to treasurer	$ 280.83	
Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1944	1.40	
		$ 282.23

4. Charges and Fees collected.

Demands:		
1944 Poll	$ 4.90	
1942 Real Estate	1.05	
1943 Real Estate	.35	
1944 M. V. Excise	2.45	
		$ 8.75
Payments to treasurer		$ 8.75

Tax collections have continued to be fairly good in 1944.

Most attention has been given to the collection of the polls and excises, and the 1942 personal and real estate taxes.

99 poll taxes were abated, mainly for persons in the armed forces, and for persons 70 years of age and older who had made application to the Board of Assessors for the abatement. By law those serving in the armed forces can have their poll taxes abated, but the law makes no provision for abatements for persons because of their being veterans of World Wars I and II. Poll taxes are due and payable, and the interest commences, 30 days after the date of sending the bills. As of Dec. 31, 1944, there were uncollected 1944 poll taxes in the amount of $14.00.

Several duplications of 1944 motor vehicle excises were made by the Registry of Motor Vehicles in sending their notices of registrations to the Board of Assessors. Upon investigation by the Board of Assessors after notification by the taxpayers, these were abated. Excises, like poll taxes, are due and payable in 30 days from the date of sending the bills, and state law requires that notices of excises uncollected after 30 days be sent to the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Excises of 1942 and 1943 are all collected; there is an uncollected balance of $62.11 in the 1944 excise committments. It would seem that during these times everyone should be able to pay the small poll taxes and motor vehicle excises within the 30-day period.

Attention will be paid in 1945 to the collection of the 1943 and 1944 personal and real estate outstanding balances, in addition to the polls and excises. It would be a nice thing for the financial standing of the town if these were all collected during 1945. I have tried to avoid the appointment of a deputy collector of taxes, and the cooperation of most taxpayers to that end is appreciated; but it is possible that I may have to appoint one in 1945.

Several trips were made to Myricks for the convenience of the people of that district in paying their taxes, and the response was very gratifying.

In closing this, my first report as your collector of taxes, may I express my appreciation for the cooperation of the Board of Assessors, and for the help of the previous Collector. Also, my sincere thanks to that great majority of taxpayers who pay on time without fuss or feathers and who never seem to get any commendation for doing so.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANCIS F. G. ANDREWS,
Collector of Taxes

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have carefully examined the books, vouchers and accounts of Francis F. G. Andrews, Collector and Treasurer of the Town of Berkley, for the year ending December 31, 1944, and hereby certify that they are correct and agree with the reports submitted by him as Collector and Treasurer.

The Savings Bank Books representing the investment of Trust Funds in the custody of the Treasurer have been examined. The income was proved and the withdrawals were verified.

The checking account balances were certified by the First National Bank of Boston, and the Machinists' National Bank, of Taunton.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. ASHLEY,

Town Auditor.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN BERKLEY IN 1944

Jan. 29 Antone J. Piechota of Taunton and Rose Viola Trond of Berkley, at Fall River, Mass., by Rev. W. Dyniewicz.

Feb. 14 William Rogers of Taunton and Flora Rezendes Marquis of Berkley, at Taunton, Mass., by Rev. E. Sousa de Mello.

Feb. 19 Willard Ernest Paull of Berkley and Eleanor Rose Reagan of Berkley, at Taunton, Mass., by Rev. J. Manley Shaw.

Feb. 28 Clinton Edward Macomber of Berkley and Hazel Dunham Strange of Berkley, at Taunton, Mass., by Rev. J. Manley Shaw.

May 16 James Mattos of Taunton and Ella L. Duffy of Taunton, at Berkley, by Rev. Joseph W. Eller.

June 1 Harold Mackey Dimsey of Berkley and Dorothy May Silvia of Taunton, at Taunton, Mass., by Rev. E. Sousa de Mello.

July 11 Alfred Taylor Howland of Berkley and Ruth Ethel Smith of Quincy, at Quincy, Mass., by Rev. Bedros Baharian.

Sept. 4 Ernest John King of Fall River and Fenella Irene Senechal of Berkley, at Fall River, Mass., by Rev. Luther Knox Peacock.

Nov. 23 Benjamin Clarence Pittsley of Berkley and Emily Mary Rose of Taunton, at Taunton, Mass., by Rev. John Carroll.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN BERKLEY IN 1944

Date of Birth	Date Received Certificate	Name of Child	Names of Parents
July 14, 1938	Sept. 7, 1944	Nancy Louise	Anthony and Mary Cambra
Nov. 22, 1938	Sept. 10, 1944	Leona Earline	Earl and Priscilla Clark
Sept. 15, 1943	Apr. 29, 1944	Louise Claire	John and Claire Travers
Jan. 6, 1944	Feb. 19, 1944	Charlene Ann	Charles and Virginia Zeitler
Jan. 20, 1944	Feb. 19, 1944	Cynthia Ann	Robert and Harriet Hunter
Feb. 2, 1944	Aug. 5, 1944	Douglas Whitney	Laurence and Elaine Swift
Feb. 13, 1944	Mar. 15, 1944	Marilyn Blanche	Harold and Verna Ashely
Apr. 25, 1944	June 9, 1944	Leo George	Ralph and Agnes Schofield
May 30, 1944	July 22, 1944	Manuel	Anthony and Izaura Martin
June 2, 1944	June 7, 1944	Joseph Manuel	John and Olive Frizado
June 2, 1944	June 7, 1944	James Denis	John and Olive Frizado
June 2, 1944	July 22, 1944	Jean Helena	Frank and Julia Rose
June 5, 1944	July 22, 1944	Francis Anthony	Anthony and Beatrice Bukunt
June 28, 1944	Sept. 28, 1944	Carole Ann	Willard E. and Eleanor Paull
July 12, 1944	Dec. 12, 1944	Carolyn Helen	Roman and Aniela Melesky
July 24, 1944	Aug. 11, 1944	Homer Ervine	George and Alberta Adams
Aug. 2, 1944	Oct. 2, 1944	Karen Ann	William and Anna Melesky
Aug. 15, 1944	Sept. 28, 1944	Dorothy May	Stanley and Doris Trond
Aug. 20, 1944	Dec. 1, 1944		Anthony and Angelina Rose
Sept. 4, 1944	Dec. 1, 1944	Bruce Raymond	Irving and Dolores Wallace
Sept. 17, 1944	Dec. 1, 1944	David Clarence	Kendall and Mary Smith
Oct. 16, 1944	Nov. 17, 1944	Sandra Ann	Manuel and Eleanor Mello
Nov. 20, 1944	Dec. 9, 1944	Eugene Winslow	Herbert and Alice Maker

1944 BIRTHS RECEIVED AND RECORDED IN JANUARY 1945

Oct. 26, 1944	Jan. 12, 1945	Vernon Dean, Jr.	Vernon and Harriet Adams
Nov. 16, 1944	Jan. 6, 1945	Arthur Edward	Nels and Jennie Nelson
Dec. 11, 1944	Jan. 11, 1945	Kenneth Arnold	Richard and Frances Perry
Dec. 13, 1944	Jan. 11, 1945	Edward Leon	George and Agnes Wilson
Dec. 19, 1944	Jan. 11, 1945	Marsha Ann	Edward and Helen Roman
Dec. 29, 1944	Jan. 11, 1945	Leon Wallace	George and Avis Lapham

Mary E. Reed, Porter St.
Manuel R. Amaral, Grove St.
Alfred T. Townley, Jr., Berkley St.
Francis F. G. Andrews, Porter St.
Elmer R. Pittsley, Myricks St.
Elna Silvan, Algerine St.
Mary Hathaway, So. Main St.
Willis G. Craw, Jerome St.
Lillie E. French, Berkley St.
Joseph Trzcinski, Bay View Ave.
Ralph E. Hyde, Berkley St. (2)
Nellie Gray, Bay View Ave.
Richard A. Perry, Berkley St.
Minnie Lawrence, Jerome St.
Fred White, Berkley St.
Mary Trond, No. Main St.
John Polinski, Burt St.
Francis E. Fournier, Locust St.
Joseph Victurine, Jerome St.
Ida M. Ashley, Berkley St.
Manuel Garcia, Holloway St.
Irene Sylvia, Point St.
Wojciech Pysz, No. Main St.
Arthur E. Robbins, No. Main St.
Nels A. Nelson, Grove St.
Albert Bindon, Anthony St. (2)
Edward F. Hathaway, So. Main St.
Hiram E. Young, Grove St.
Arlene Whittaker, Berkley St.
Fred A. Reed, Locust St.

For 21 Females

Florence M. Macomber, Berkley St.
Elmer R. Pittsley, Myricks St. (2)
Willard F. Westgate, Berkley St.
Anthony Cambra, Berkley St.
Irene M. Peterson, Locust St.
Jacob O. Barton, Myricks St. (2)
Melvin DeCosta, Elm St.
Arthur E. Robbins, No. Main St.
Stanley A. Poole, Berkley St.
Clarence Pittsley, Wye St.
Andrew H. Kelsey, Algerine St.

Cornelia Pierce, Bay View Ave.
Joseph Trzcinski, Bay View Ave.
Mary E. T. Cummings, Elm St.
Sgt. Charles Peterson, Locust St.
Norman Colpitts, No. Main St.
Albert Senechal, Bay View Ave.
Alberta Plogger, Berkley St.
Gladys S. Poole, Berkley St.

For 4-dog Kennel Licenses, 2

Sybil Jones, Bay View Ave.
Anthony Sylvia, Point St.

1 Transfer License

Warren A. Holmes, Myricks St.

Cash Transactions, Dog Licenses

For Licenses Collected:

12 Spayed Females @ $2.00	$ 24.00	
Less fees retained	2.40	
		$ 21.60
64 Males @ $2.00	$ 128 00	
Less fees retained	12.80	
		115.20
21 Females @ $5.00	$ 105.00	
Less fees retained	4.20	
		100.80
2 4-dog Kennel Licenses @ $10.00	$ 20.00	
Less fees retained	.40	
		19.60
1 Transfer License @ 25c	$ .25	
Fee, retained	.25	
		$ 257.20
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1944		8.40
		$ 265.60
Payments to treasurer, 1944	$ 263.80	
Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1944	1.80	
		$ 265.60

Chapter 46, Section 15, General Laws, requires the following notice:

Public notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk will furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians and registered hospital medical officers applying therefor.

Following is a copy of appointment by the selectmen under Section 14, Chapter 41, General Laws.

February 2, 1944

The present Town Clerk of Berkley, Ervine A. Chace, being unable to perform his duties because of illness, the Board of Selectmen of Berkley hereby appoint as temporary Town Clerk, Francis F. G. Andrews, of Porter St., Berkley, who shall serve until the expiration of Mr. Chace's term of office, in March, 1945, unless Mr. Chace shall recover sufficiently to enable him to resume his duties.

Signed,

WARREN L. IDE
EINO H. SILVAN
SILAS E. BRAILEY

Board of Selectmen of Berkley.

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I am glad to report that Mr. Chace has recovered somewhat in health, but has indicated his desire not to resume his duties as Town Clerk. I wish to express my great appreciation for all the help he has given me during the period I have been acting as temporary clerk, and I am sure that all the people of the town, by whom he is greatly loved and respected, join with me in thanking him for his long period of sincere service to the town, often at long hours with little recompense. I also wish to publicly express my thanks for help to the members of his family, Marion and Merle Whitaker, and Lydia and Lewis Hall.

During the year six town meetings were held; the annual town meeting, March 4, the annual town election, March 13, the presidential primaries, April 25, the State primaries,

July 11, a special town meeting, Nov. 1, and the state and national election, Nov. 7. A recount of votes cast for Attorney General at the election Nov. 7, was held Dec. 8, with the result unchanged. Papers filed with the temporary town clerk during 1944 were: the resignation of Effie W. Robbins as assessor; the appointment of the finance committee by the appointing committee; the appointment of Eino H. Silvan as temporary chairman to organize a committee to secure information in regard to fire equipment; a petition to the school committee to keep open the Myricks School and for a hearing on same; a vote of the school committee surrendering custody of the Myricks School to the Town; a lease of the oyster beds of the town to Wilfred D. Talbot; and the vote of the 5th Bristol District for Representative in General Court at the election Nov. 7, 1944.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS F. G. ANDREWS,

Temporary Town Clerk.

SUMMARY OF ESSENTIAL FEATURES OF STATE AUDIT

Published by the Town Clerk in accordance with Sec. 40, Chapter. 44, G. L.

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell, Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the collector of taxes of the town of Berkley for the period from December 12, 1943, to April 15, 1944, preparatory to a recommitment of taxes and assessments to the newly elected collector, and report thereon as follows:

The books and accounts of the collector of taxes were examined and checked. The taxes and assessments outstanding at the time of the previous examination and a subsequent commitment were audited and proved. The cash book additions were verified, the payments to the town treasurer were compared with the treasurer's cash book, the abatements were checked to the assessors' records of abatements granted, the taxes transferred to the tax title account were proved, and the outstanding accounts were listed.

The outstanding accounts were verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The total amounts outstanding on each of the several levies of taxes and assessments were given to the board of assessors for use in preparing the recommitment, and detailed lists of the outstanding accounts were prepared for the new collector.

For the cooperation received from the several town officials during the progress of the examination, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,
Assistant Director of Accounts.

Outstanding Tax Accounts per State Audit April 15, 1944

Taxes 1938	$50.60	Taxes 1939	$58.29
Taxes 1940	59.62	Taxes 1941	50.04
Taxes and Assessments 1942	2,088.26	Taxes and Assessments 1943	6,663.77
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes, 1942	2.00	Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1943	14.00

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF BERKLEY

For the Year Ending December 31, 1944

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Arthur E. Robbins, Chairman, Berkley, Mass.	1947
Mildred A. Babbitt, Secretary, Berkley, Mass.	1945
William A. Cox, Berkley, Mass.	1946

SUPERINTENDENT

John J. Rolfe, B. Ed., M. Ed.,

Residence: 117 School Street, North Dighton
Office: Dighton High School, Segreganset
Telephone: Dighton 3361 (Office)
Taunton 2435 (Home)

Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 A. M. — 9:30 A. M. and by appointment.

Secretary
Jessie A. Christenson
Dighton

School Physician
C. M. Souza, M. D.
Dighton, Mass.

School Nurse
Ella Dillingham, R. N.
Berkley, Mass.

Attendance Officer
William A. Cox
Berkley, Mass.

No School Signals:

In case of severe storm a **No School Notice** is broadcast from **Station WEAN** at 7:30 A. M. and at fifteen minute intervals until 7:45 A. M.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Entrance Age:

First grade registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at least six years of age or who will become six years of age on or before the following April first. There will be no exceptions to this ruling. Registration must be during the first three weeks of school in September.

Birth Certificates:

Presentation of a birth certificate is required for entrance to first grade.

Vaccination:

Every child who enters school for the first time must present a certificate of vaccination or a statement from his physician that vaccination is inadvisable.

No School Information:

When weather conditions are such that our buses are unable to run, a no school notice will be broadcast at 7:00 A. M. and at regular intervals from radio station WEAN. Parents are urged to use their own good judgment about sending their children to school on stormy days. The fact that school is in session does not mean that attendance by all pupils is advisable.

Transportation:

The law requires that transportation be provided for pupils residing more than two miles from the school attended or more than one mile from the nearest bus stop. Many pupils living at lesser distances along established routes are transported if the seating capacity of the bus will permit. From time to time it is necessary to refuse transportation to some of these living under the required distance when our buses are filled to capacity with children living at a greater distance.

REPORT OF THE BERKLEY COMMITTEE, BERKLEY

To the Citizens of Berkley

In submitting its annual report, the committee would call attention to the report of the superintendent of schools. It is worthy of careful consideration by all the townspeople.

Miss Catherine Kula of Taunton, a graduate of State Teachers College at Bridgewater, was elected in April to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Mary Hathway. She assumed her duties in grades three and four in September, at the reopening of school.

The resignation of Miss Mary Magina, as teacher of grades one, two, three and four at the Myricks School, was received in June.

After careful consideration by the committee, over a period of time, it was decided to close the Myricks School on September 7. A decrease in enrollment and in the interest of efficiency and economy, prompted this action. A saving of $3310 to the town is realized on the budget.

Pupils are transported, with no extra cost to the town, from the Myricks section to the consolidated school at Berkley common.

The committee feels that it is fortunate in retaining such a fine corps of teachers, especially at this time when a scarcity of teachers prevails.

In requesting the sum of $24,806.40 to cover school costs during the ensuring year, the committee would call attention to the approximate reimbursement by the state of $13,843.92, leaving a net cost to the town of $10,962.48.

Clarence C. Trenouth was awarded the three-year school bus contract from June 1944-1947, at a contract price of $6500 per year. War conditions prompted this increase of $800 over the preceding contract. At the present time three buses are necessary for the efficient transportation of all our elementary and high school pupils.

The committee senses the need for a central heating system at the Berkley School to eliminate the use of the five furnaces which are being operated at the present time. Advised

by specialists in this field to defer this work for the duration of the war because of inferior materials and high prices, the committee has prolonged its action on the matter.

The use of the auditorium is prohibited during winter months because of inadequate heat. Each classroom requires one furnace to facilitate proper heating. Aside from this cost of heating the building, the present system entails a surplus amount of work on the part of the janitor.

The original plan for the addition to the Berkley School which was presented and accepted at the annual town meeting in March, 1937 called for a $26,000 appropriation for the project. The former action of the voters was rescinded at a special meeting held April 12 of the same year. The P.W.A. was to foster the expense of all material for the central heating plan, under the original plan. On April 29 a revised plan calling for the erection of a two-room addition, with the finishing of one room only, was accepted by the townspeople and $10,000 was appropriated for this purpose. $1,000 was granted for repairs on the old building. This appropriation was not sufficient to warrant the expense of the originally planned heating system.

The final payment on the school building was realized over a year ago and, with this in mind, the committee plans to present, at some future date, to the voters of the town for their consideration, the estimated cost of the central heating plan.

The committee meets regularly on the Wednesday preceding the first Wednesday of every month and it welcomes at any time, a friendly discussion with interested individuals in regard to problems affecting the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MILDRED A. BABBITT,
Secretary, School Committee.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of the Town of Berkley:

I herewith submit my second annual report as Superintendent of Schools for the Town of Berkley.

CLOSING OF MYRICKS SCHOOL:

On September 6, 1944 the Berkley School Committee voted to close the Myricks School because of a decrease in the school population and in the interests of efficiency and economy. The enrollment in the Berkley Schools decreased from 214 in 1938 to 165 as of October 1, 1944. This enrollment gives us an average room population of 33 in the Berkley Grammar School, the number recommended for each room in the recent survey made by the Strayer Committee for the City of Boston. Inasmuch as there was room in the Berkley Grammar School to absorb the Myricks children, it seemed wise to save for the Town the funds necessary for the maintenance of this two room building.

The discontinuance of this school makes it possible for the school committee to effect a $3,310 decrease in the budget for 1945. As Berkley receives large reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the education of its children, the net saving is $2,210—$1,000 being the amount reimbursable on account of teachers' salaries.

As pointed out in last year's town report, the lighting at the Myricks School was extremely poor, while lighting at the Berkley Grammar School is excellent. We need not go into detail regarding the advantages of other modern facilities such as improved ventilation, modern sanitary provisions, running water and better heating. The educational advantages of one and two grade classrooms over four grade classrooms are so universally accepted as to be undebatable. We find that many of the pupils who formerly walked to school are now picked up at the door by the bus that transports them to Berkley.

Undoubtedly there were some advantages in keeping this school open and there are probably individual cases where a certain amount of inconvenience is experienced by its clos-

ing, but the arguments for closing the Myricks School so far outweighed its continuance that it would have been unsound educational policy not to have done so.

The only way to have been positive of the school enrollment was to wait until the first day of school. After ascertaining for certain that the Berkley Grammar School could absorb the Myricks group, there was no reason for postponement of action, in fact, such delay would have made necessary a shifting of grades and teachers after work had gotten underway. In the interests of efficiency any change is preferably made at the very beginning of the year.

I wish to point out to the townspeople that the closing of a school is one of the most difficult tasks that a school committee has to face because there will usually be a great deal of opposition. Many committees do not have the courage to face the criticism that such action usually brings and will fail to do what they know to be their duty. The townspeople of Berkley should feel proud that they have a School Committee that has the courage to carry out its convictions. May we continue to have a committee that will refuse to sell the schools for a vote.

TEACHER SITUATION:

Teachers are becoming more and more reluctant to teach in small towns especially when the financial opportunities are more attractive elsewhere. Teachers in general are not as well off financially as they were in the years of the depression even though salary increases have been granted everywhere. Our teachers' colleges countrywide have an enrollment that is only 40% of normal. This falls far short of our minimum requirements. We may expect an elementary teacher shortage for the next ten years, with communities bidding against each other for their services. Berkley is fortunate to have a teaching staff that lives within commuting distance. We must make every effort to retain them.

ENROLLMENT:

Our present enrollment of 165 is likely to remain fairly constant for some time to come. During the past year a determined effort has been made to provide a type of instruction that will meet the needs of our very slow and our very bright

pupils. Some of our pupils should be in special classes, but we have endeavored to give them as much instruction as possible commensurate with their ability. These needs can be fully met only through the establishment of special classes but such a program will be impossible for the duration of the war because of the dearth of teachers who are trained for special class work. This type of instruction cannot be adequately provided by those trained for regular class teaching.

We are constantly trying to remedy our retardation problem but many pupils who enter from other towns aggravate the situation. At the present time we have twenty three pupils who have retarded two or more times. These pupils present a social and disciplinary problem that can be remedied only when they have graduated from our elementary schools.

GENERAL:

In last year's town report I recommended that a teacher of art be employed for Berkley. Here, as in Freetown, the services of such a person were not available.

We are very well supplied with textbooks and workbooks but in order to be able to continue to provide the best we found it necessary to ask for a slight increase in the textbook budget. Our supplies are adequate but to meet rising costs this budget item was also increased.

For an explanation of our building needs I refer you to last year's town report.

In general our school program is meeting the basic educational requirements of the pupils, but a broader program would be in order when transportation and manpower facilities return to normal. The necessity for most of our pupils to leave school immediately upon closing, makes such extra curriculs work impossible.

In December the Committee approved the purchase of a Tri-purpose Picture Projector, a wall screen, and a library of films for our visual education program. These films will be of great value particularly in the English and Social Studies fields, and will provide the nucleus for our ever expanding visual education needs.

CONCLUSION:

I wish to express to the townspeople of Berkley my appreciation for their keen interest in their schools and for their willingness to provide a substantial budget for their support. Progress and efficiency in the Berkley schools will continue to improve just as long as we have an intelligent, courageous, cooperative forward looking school committee that is vitally interested in the welfare of the children of Berkley. The present committee, without exception, meets these qualifications.

I am grateful to each and every committee member for the splendid support and cooperation given to me at all times in my efforts to do my best for the children of Berkley. I am also appreciative for the cooperation that I have received from the teachers, janitors, and town officials, in all my associations with them. Let us all resolve to continue to work together in order that the pupils may receive the best education possible for us to offer them.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. ROLFE,

Superintendent of Schools.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SHOOL NURSE AND PHYSICIAN

Dear Sir:

The annual report of the school physician and the school nurse is hereby submitted.

The school pupils have been free from epidemic contagious disease during the year. There were a few isolated cases of measles, mumps, and chicken-pox. In the spring, there was one case of meningitis. As a precaution, the school was closed and the room fumigated. We were very thankful that there was only one case of meningitis. Colds and sore throats were prevalent throughout the winter.

The diphtheria immunization clinic was held in May, with twenty-one children completing the treatment.

The pre-school clinic was held in May, with eight children in attendance.

The dental clinic was held in the spring, with thirty-nine pupils attending. Dr. Edmund Tobin, who has been the school dentist for some number of years, has had to discontinue this work, because of the increased practice at his office. The school committee is making every effort to secure a dentist to replace Dr. Tobin. This is a difficult task, because so many dentists are with the armed forces. If a dentist cannot be located, I would like to urge parents to take their children to a local dentist. "Don't neglect your childrens' teeth." The future health of your child depends a great deal on the condition of his or her teeth.

A total of one hundred and sixty-four pupils were given physical examinations by Dr. Souza. Thirty-two pupils were found to have defective tonsils. The parents have been notified.

The parents and teachers have been very helpful during the year. Dr. Souza and I appreciate their cooperation; and take this opportunity to thank them.

Respectfully submitted,
ELLA F. DILLINGHAM, R. N.
CHARLES M. SOUZA, M. D.

REPORT OF THE MUSIC SUPERVISOR

Superintendent John Rolfe,
Berkley, Mass.

Dear Mr. Rolfe:

I herewith submit my annual report on the work in music in the public schools of Berkley.

The course followed was practically the same as that of the previous year. Grades one and two learned several note songs each month, sang the major scale down and up, became familiar in vocalizing the simple chord skips, and practised application of syllables, through the ear, to basic songs. Beginning with January, books were placed in the hands of the second grade for eye work in note reading. It is my aim always to encourage quality of tone and to avoid any strain in singing. A regular testing of the "listeners" is done periodically.

In grades three and four the period for music was divided into problem drills in tone, time and theory, followed by the singing of songs, new and old.

Technical work was continued in grades five and six, more complicated rhythms were taught, closer tonal differences recognized, and two and three part harmony sung. In singing three part harmony, the third part was often made up of volunteers or those pupils who were particularly interested.

The seventh and eighth grades continued the study of three part music, and if there were any whose voices had changed to bass, a fourth part was added. All classes did a fair amount of written work at the board or at their seats, thus making it possible for a more accurate and quicker check-up on the knowledge and understanding of each child.

Classes in pianoforte instruction were organized both in Myricks and Berkley Common schools and much interest was shown and progress made. Two pupils from Myricks played at the graduation exercises. At the opening of schools in the fall a request from some of the pupils for a continuation of these classes had to be denied because of the crowded class

rooms due to the combining of the two schools. The assembly room could be used if it could be made warm enough.

The time formerly spent at the Myricks school is now being used for valuable instruction in music appreciation. Charts of the different instruments of the symphony orchestra are shown and a study of the symphonic choirs begun. With the phonograph the pupils can hear the quality of tone of the various instruments as well as enjoy recordings of some of the world's best music. Every stimulus that sets up a reaction in the human organism has its influence in shaping his individual character. What study required in our educational system sets up a series of reactions comparable to those of music?

I wish to thank you and the teachers in the system for the help and cooperation given me at all times and for the very friendly attitude of the boys and girls when I am with them.

Very truly yours,

LOIS J. SNOW,

Supervisor of Music.

GRADUATION PROGRAM

BERKLEY AND MYRICKS SCHOOLS

June 6, 1944 8 P. M.

PROCESSIONAL

"Under the Double Eagle"
Accompanists—Marilyn Maker
Mrs. Lois J. Snow

INVOCATION—Rev. Joseph Eller
Pastor, Myricks Methodist Church

RESPONSE

"To Him From Whom Our Blessings Flow"
Chorus

TRUMPET SOLO

"The Lord's Prayer"
Josephine Furtado

ADDRESS OF WELCOME—Emily Dulak

CHORUS — Myricks School

(a) "The Swiss Maiden"
(b) "Evening Wind"

RECITATION

"Our Heroes" — Robert Rose

TRUMPET SOLO

"Carnival of Venice" — Josephine Furtado

RECITATIONS

"Everywhere in America" — Catherine Sellars
"Our Country" — Alice Young
"Prophecy" — Rita Garrity

CHORUS Berkley and Myricks

(a) "Adelita"
(b) "Down Quintana Way"
Guitar—Dorothy Frizado

RECITATIONS

"Be the best of Whatever You Are"
Joseph Cambra
"If" Alfred Townley

CHORUS Berkley School

"The Little Brown Church in the Vale"
"O Tennessee!"

CLASS GIFTS Nelson D. Pittsley

CHORUS Myricks and Berkley

"Those Pals of Ours"

REMARKS

Mr. John J. Rolfe—Superintendent of Schools

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

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CLOSING ADDRESS

"Our World Tomorrow" Edith Baldwin

STAR SPANGLED BANNER Audience

BENEDICTION—Rev. Joseph Eller
Pastor, Myricks Methodist Church

RECESSIONAL

Mrs. Lois J. Snow
Music Supervisor

GRADUATES

Edith Ellen Baldwin
Joseph Cambra
Beatrice E. Dimsey
Emily Louise Dulak
Josephine Sylvia Furtado
Rita Louise Garrity
Joseph Allen Howard
Shirley Mae MacQueen
Lester Brown Makepeace, Jr.
Joseph H. Marshall, Jr.
Lorraine Nunes
Nelson D. Pittsley, Jr.
Robert O. Rose
Catherine Greenfield Sellars
Julia A. Souto
Arlene Louise Sylvester
Alfred T. Townley, 3rd
Frederick B. White
Alice Gertrude Young

BERKLEY PUPILS ATTENDING DIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL

October 1, 1944

Freshmen

Edith Baldwin
Joseph Cambra
Beatrice Dimsey
Emily L. Dulak
Josephine S. Furtado
Rita L. Garrity
*Shirley MacQueen
†Lester B. Makepeace, Jr.
†Joseph Marshall
Lorraine Nunes
Nelson D. Pittsley
†Raymond Reagan
Robert A. Rose
Catherine Sellars
*Julia A. Souto
†Frederick B. White
Alice A. Young

Sophomores

Helen J. Adams
†James Bindon
Patricia Blanchette
Phyllis M. Brown
Laura Fernandes
†Ernest G. Gutholm
Douglas E. Ide
Althea L. Maker
Doris L. Raymond
†C. Alexander Reed
Lillian J. Rose
Elizabeth A. Sellars
Robert W. Shepard

Juniors

Mary M. Bacon
†George Braese, Jr.
†Wilfred E. Briggs
Edward E. Dulak
†Daniel Faria
†Lawrence Gagnon
Lorraine Gagnon
†George E. Jones
Barbara R. Valli
†Robert A. Makepeace
Daniel Nunes
Jack O'Leary
Esther A. Reed
Rose A. Slivinski
Eilene L. Souza
*Jean Townley
Edmund E. Trzcinski
Doris M. Williams

Seniors

Virginia D. Anthony
Lois M. Babbitt
Russell S. Bennett
Doris M. Cummings
Arthur F. Dillingham
Agnes P. Milko
Mary J. Ratcliffe
Esther B. Sandlin
Lucille E. Valli

†General Vocational Shop
*Domestic Science

ENROLLMENT — October 1, 1944

Grade	Age												
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Totals
1	10	10	2	2									24
2		3	17	2	1	1							24
3			4	12	4	2	1						23
4				1	7	5							13
5					7	13	2	1	2	1			26
6							5	5	4	1			15
7							1	14	3	4	1		23
8								4	10	2	1		17
	10	13	23	17	19	21	9	24	19	8	2		165

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—1944

Receipts

Appropriation		$25,227.09

Expenditures

General Expense	$ 781.92	
Teachers' Salaries	8,129.96	
Text Book and Supplies	760.83	
Health	528.74	
Janitors' Salaries	1,275.10	
Fuel and Light	736.96	
Transportation	6,020.00	
Tuition	5,083.10	
Repairs	399.57	
Miscellaneous	374.27	
Furniture and Furnishings	86.25	
		$ 24,176.70
Balance on hand		$ 1,050.39
		$ 25,227.09

Net Cost to Town

Expenditures		$ 24,176.70

Receipts, 1944

Reimbursement—Teachers' Salaries Part I	$ 2,140.00	
Reimbursement—Teachers' Salaries Part II	3,008.43	
Reimbursement—Vocational tuition and transportation	1,147.80	
Reimbursement—Superintendent's salary and travel	197.59	
State Wards: Tuition and Transportation	743.15	
High School: Tuition	2,909.62	
Transportation	2,206.00	
Total receipts, 1944		$ 12,352.59
NET COST TO TOWN		$ 11,824.11

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1945

School opens January 8, 1945	Closes February 16, 1945
School opens February 26, 1945	Closes April 13, 1945
School opens April 23, 1945	Closes June 8, 1945
School opens September 5, 1945	Closes December 21, 1945

School will close on the following days:

March 30 Good Friday
May 30 Memorial Day
October 12 Columbus Day
October 26 Teachers' Convention
November 11 Armistice Day
November 22 and 23 Thanksgiving week-end

PERSONNEL CHANGES—1944

Name	School	Date of Resignation
Joseph Furtado	Janitor, Myricks School	September, 1944
Millicent B. Hackett	Myricks Grammar School	September, 1944
Mary Magina	Myricks Grammar School	June, 1944
		Date of Appointment
Catherine Kula	Berkley Grammar School	September, 1944

BERKLEY SCHOOL FACULTY

School	Teacher	Address	Education	Appointed
Berkley Grammar School	A. Louise Unsworth, Principal	15 Forest St., Taunton	Bridgewater	1939
	Anne D. Allen, B. S. in Ed.	4666 N. Main St., Fall River	Bridgewater	1939
	Genevieve Harrington	298 Whipple St., Fall River	Hyannis	1939
	Catherine Kula, B. S. in Ed.	Park St., Taunton	Bridgewater	1944
	Edna Smith, B. S. in Ed.	38 Ingell St., Taunton	Bridgewater	1942
Myricks	Millicent B. Hackett	185 Dean St., Taunton	Bridgewater	1927
	Mary Magina, B. S. in Ed.	Leonard's Ct., Taunton	Bridgewater	1943

MUSIC SUPERVISOR

Lois J. Snow — 27 Couch St., Taunton

JANITORS

Joseph Furtado — RFD No. 1 Taunton, Myricks Grammar

Chester White — RFD No. 1 Taunton, Berkley Grammar